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This issue

No changes have been made to the layout of *Quarterly Regional Statistics* since the last issue.

Table 2, **economic structure** is derived from the **business register**. This file is currently coded for two different industry coding schemes (SIC80 and NAICS). Previous issues displayed results using the Standard Industrial Classification. This First Quarter 2000 issue displayed the December 1999 snapshot using the new North American Industy Classification System. This issue updates Table 2 to December 2000 with NAICS based data. For this reason we advised that you keep a copy of the old SIC80 based data and the tables included with the previous issue and this issue for comparison and future reference.

Table 5, **manufacturing principal statistics**, reflects revised data but 1997 is the end of the road for sub-provincial SIC80–based data. We have just started working with the 1998 NAICS-based sub-provincial data but cannot tie it back to the old series – even for total manufacturing. Again you should keep the table from this issue for future reference.

Programming work required for the **incorporations** file is now complete but we have processed the files only to the end of 2000 (Table 8). There is some discontinuity in the data for the lower mainland: for January 2000 on, the data reflects the current GVRD and Fraser Valley boundaries – previous years approximated this with the sum of old GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette and the sum of Central Fraser Valley + Fraser-Cheam. As the effect of this boundary change is nearly insignificant for GVRD, the data are published as a single time series. For Fraser Valley, the break is more pronounced so we have decided to publish only data from the beginning of 1999 as this is the beginning of the new geographical basis of our file.

Regional boundaries

The geographic basis of this document is the 1996 Census geography that includes a number of changes in the lower mainland. The new Fraser Valley Regional District combines all of Fraser-Cheam, and the portions of Central Fraser Valley and Dewdney-Alouette that were not brought into Greater Vancouver. A note in the title bar is provided where it has not been possible to present data based precisely on the new boundaries.

More Regional Data

Our Internet site includes a general search tool and screens providing a subject matter search as well as a geographic search tool (**Regions**). The regions pages provide a more intuitive access to the many maps that we have on-line. With these changes users can more easily locate our small area data offerings.

We have made a **substantial addition** to our regional data in the form of

Socio-Economic Profiles available freely available on our Internet site. These regional profiles represent a significant resource for researchers, policy makers, investors and students. They are complemented by another product anncunced in the previous issue of QRS - 1996 **Census Profiles**. These are also freely available on our web site. Each consists of a cover, 3 pages of comparative charts and tables, and a 2-page data supplement. There are 457 profiles to choose from, one for each census division (regional district), incorporated municipality, subregional district and Indian Reserve.

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Our Internet site for the **British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory** is now up and running. This free site opens up many opportunities to Internet users and the listed firms. You can search for a particular firm, filter the database to all firms meeting your criteria, send us an update of your current listing or a new listing, or place an order for the book or database.

There are several geographic fields which means you can easily generate a list of firms in a specific area. The Advanced Search allows you to combine search criteria giving powerful tools to more sophisticated users.

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Census Profile *(Every 5 Years)*

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Regional and Community Facts *(Semi-Annual)*

A two- page compendium of statistics including: population; selected Census characteristics; residential property assessment summary; building permits; personal taxation; BC Benefits recipients; E.I. beneficiaries; incorporations; and bankruptcies. Annual data, two pages per region or community. On our Web site for free access — see **Regions**. Updated two times a year.

Community Profiles *(Always Current)*

A series of looseleaf binders, each devoted to one of 28 regional districts, featuring the broadest range of regional data. Some maps and charts. 200+ to 400+ pages per regional district with most data provided for all communities in each region. Annual data maintained so that purchaser gets latest available information.

Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles *(Annual)*

A single looseleaf binder, organized by region and providing socio-economic information such as age, ethnic origin, migration, social assistance recipients, crime, education, child care, health, income and labour market activity. Maps, charts and tables. Complete data tables provided in the appendix. Regional Districts and Local Health Areas. Updated annually. Latest edition: August 2001. Free on our Web site.

Quarterly Regional Statistics *(Quarterly)*

A single release, organized by region, featuring current monthly and quarterly economic data to provide an up to date measurement of local activity compared to that of the province. Text, charts and tables. Approximately 240 pages. Released quarterly.

Regional Index *(Published Every Five Years – 1996 Census version not available)*

A comprehensive, narrative and statistical examination of the geographic, economic and social structure of B.C.'s eight development regions and 73 sub-areas. Updated every 5 years to take advantage of the most recent Census of Population and Housing. Last released in March 1995. There are plans to update this publication with a Web-enabled edition.

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Census Profile		5 yr cycle			●	●	●	6	2,742	$5	$2,000
Community Facts		●			●	●		2	350	$10	$50
Community Profiles		●	●	●	●	●	●	200 to 400	10,000	$\$65^{42}$	$\$1,682^{24}$
Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles		●			●		●	4	200	$10	$150 Free on Web site
Quarterly Regional Statistics	●	●	●	●	●			6	240	$5	$100 per year (4 issues)
Regional Index		5 yr cycle		●		●	●	n/a	375	n/a	$40

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Regional District Population Projection *(Annual)*

This 25-year forecast projects the composition of the population in each regional district. Detailed statistical tables provide historical and forecast population by age and sex, including components of change. For topical articles and methodology ask about the *B.C. Population Forecast* publication. Available on paper or diskette. Updated annually.

Local Health Area Population Projection *(Annual)*

This 25-year forecast projects the composition of the population in each local health area. Detailed statistical tables provide historical and forecast population by age and sex, including components of change. For topical articles and methodology ask about the *B.C. Population Forecast* publication. Available on paper or diskette. Updated annually.

Manufacturers' Directory *(Annual)*

Lists B.C. manufacturers by company name (detailed listing), industry, product, and regional district by community. This publication details 5,000 manufacturers including employment size, commodities produced, export status and a contact name and address. Available in print, as a CSV file on diskette, or searchable free Web-enabled version at www.made-in-bc.ca.

Major Projects Inventory *(Quarterly)*

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Tourism Room Revenue *(Monthly)*

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Regional District Population Projection		●	●		●			9	280	$5	$80/ paper $400/ disk
Local Health Area Population Projection		●	●				●	9	725	$5	$150/ paper $400/ disk
Manufacturers' Directory -1998	Annual SnapShot		●		●	●		Varies	595	n/a	$45
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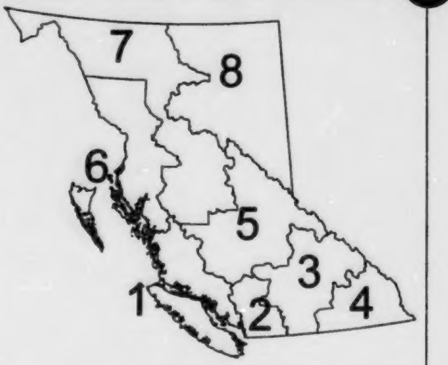
British Columbia Regional Districts
1996 Boundaries



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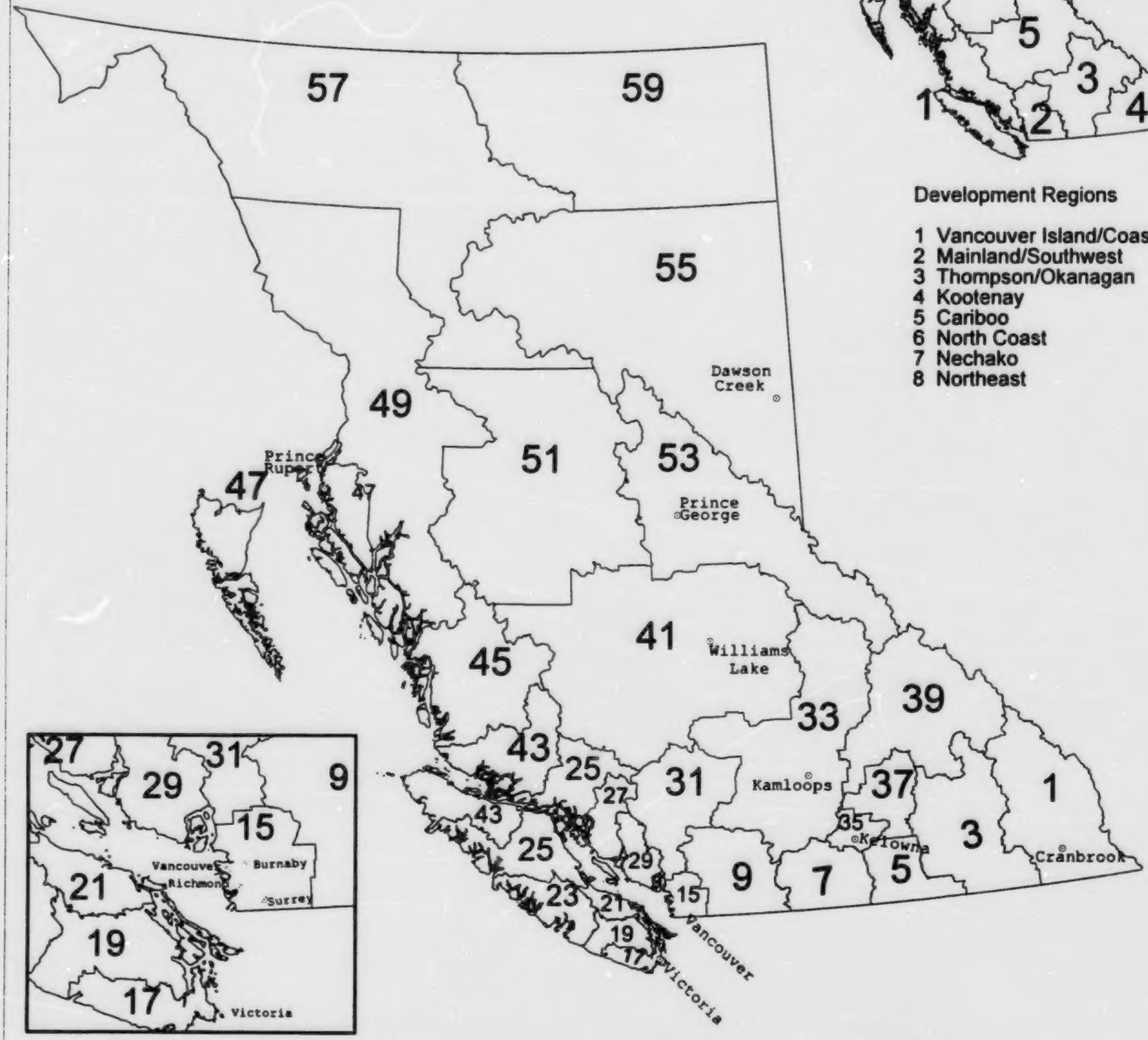
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Regional Districts:

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3 Central Kootenay
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7 Okanagan-Similkameen
9 Fraser Valley
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19 Cowichan Valley
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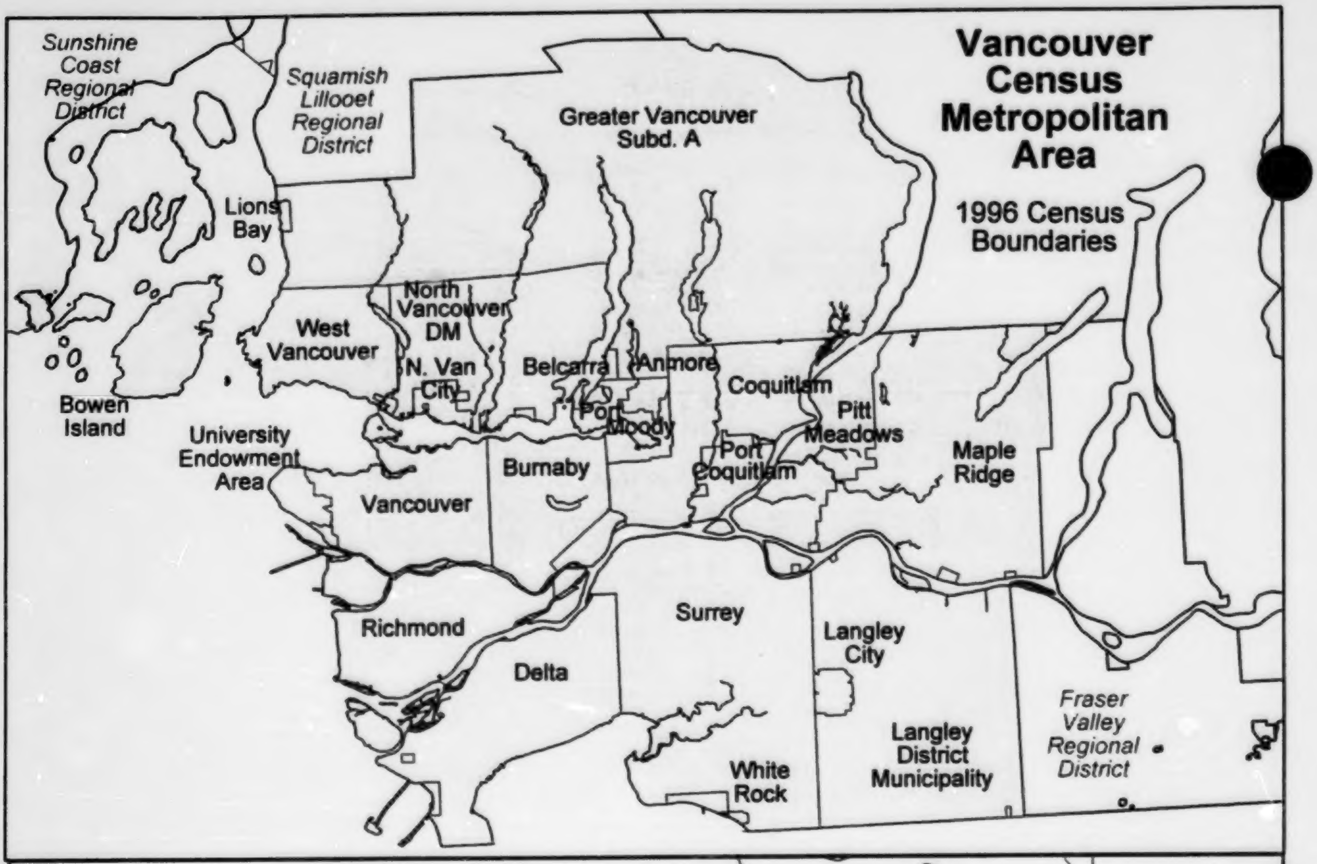
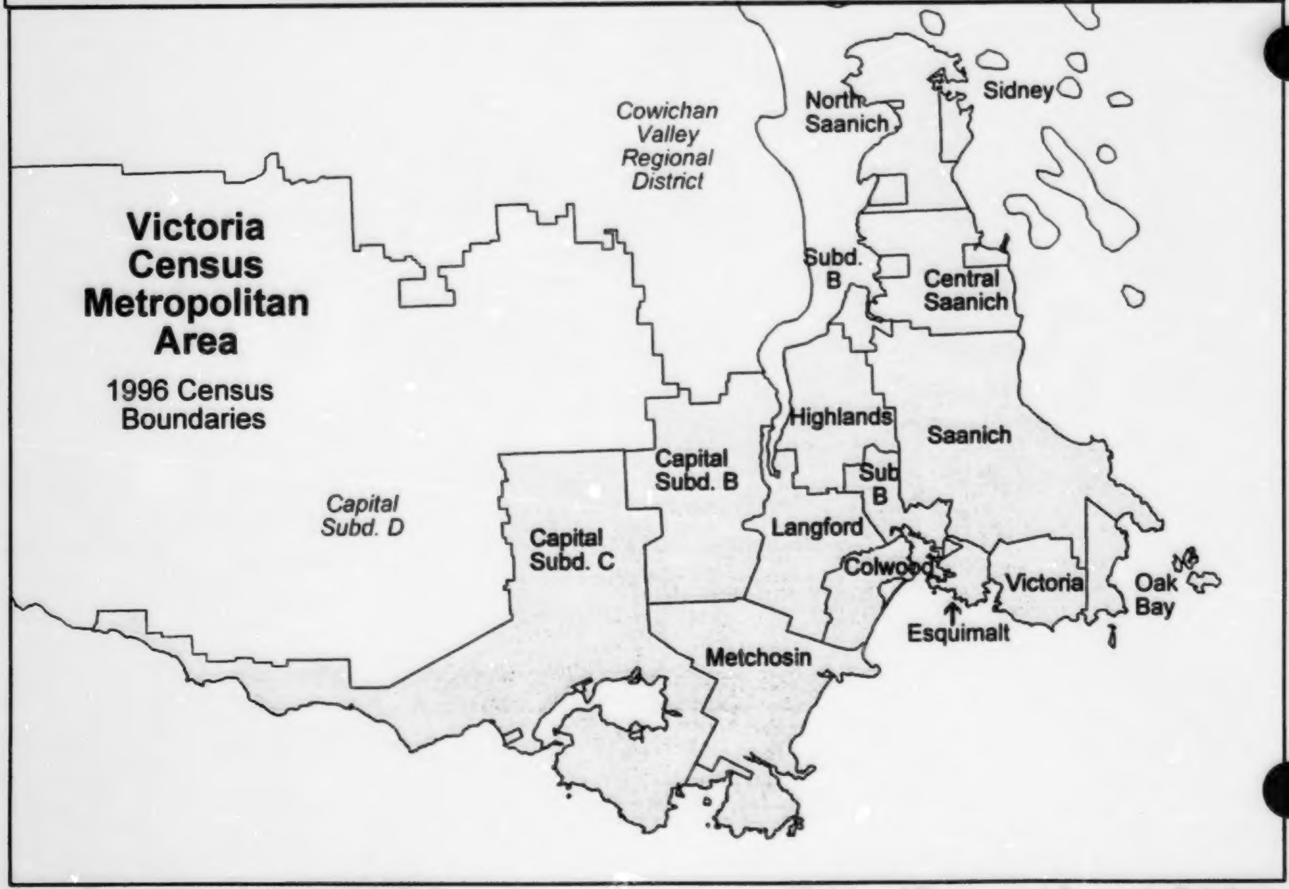


Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area

1996 Census Boundaries

Sunshine Coast Regional District
Squamish Lillooet Regional District
Greater Vancouver Subd. A
Lions Bay
Bowen Island
West Vancouver
North Vancouver DM
N. Van City
Belcarra
Anmore
Coquitlam
Port Moody
Pitt Meadows
Maple Ridge
University Endowment Area
Vancouver
Burnaby
Port Coquitlam
Richmond
Delta
Surrey
Langley City
Langley District Municipality
White Rock
Fraser Valley Regional District



Victoria Census Metropolitan Area

1996 Census Boundaries

Cowichan Valley Regional District
North Saanich
Sidney
Subd. B
Central Saanich
Highlands
Saanich
Capital Subd. B
Sub B
Capital Subd. D
Capital Subd. C
Langford
Colwood
Victoria
Oak Bay
Esquimalt
Metchosin

Note: Reserve boundaries not labelled

1 General Economy

Although the services sector is the largest component of British Columbia's Gross Domestic Product, the Province is still heavily dependent on natural resource industries. When inter-industry linkages are taken into account, the resource sector is still responsible for at least one quarter of the jobs in British Columbia. Forest-based industries form the most important segment of the Provincial economy. Virtually every community in the province relies to some degree on the industry. Of all manufacturing industries in B.C., wood industries rank first, followed closely by the paper and allied industries. These two industries combined account for almost one half of all manufacturing in British Columbia. Mining is another important resource industry for British Columbia. Coal mining is the most significant activity in the East Kootenay Region, and oil and gas exploration is the major economic driver of the Peace River and Northern Rockies Regions. In addition, there are a significant number of metal mines in the Province. Copper is by far the most important metal mined in British Columbia. Metal manufacturing is a significant activity for some communities, particularly Trail and Kitimat where there are large lead-zinc and aluminum smelters respectively. Other significant resource industries are agriculture and fishing. Agriculture in B.C. is very diverse, ranging from cattle ranching, to poultry farming, to fruit orchards, to wine grapes. Most of the agricultural activity is located in the southern regions of the Province, primarily around the Okanagan and the Kootenays. Fishing is more predominant in Northern B.C., around Prince Rupert, and the north of Vancouver Island. The fish canning industry is concentrated mainly in Vancouver, Richmond and Prince Rupert. Tourism is also an important economic driver for B.C. It accounts for about 4.8 per cent of the Provincial Gross Domestic Product, which is slightly more than the direct contribution of the mining industry. The Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island-Coast Regions account for more than half of travel expenditures, and Vancouver and Victoria are among the top 20 travel destinations in the world. The high-technology sector is gaining importance and has become one of the province's leading employers.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000

New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	British Columbia							Canada	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	132,461	137,215	12,884	6,159	1,113	157,371	100.0%	100.0%	1,042,204
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	7,473	8,507	520	208	24	9,259	5.9%	6.2%	64,302
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	858	679	60	33	15	787	0.5%	0.7%	7,782
22	Utilities	106	125	16	16	8	165	0.1%	0.1%	1,353
23	Construction	21,504	15,560	1,047	419	45	17,071	10.8%	10.4%	108,600
31-33	Manufacturing	4,322	6,884	1,193	777	191	9,045	5.7%	6.4%	67,178
41	Wholesale Trade	6,550	8,970	982	372	32	10,356	6.6%	6.4%	66,608
44-45	Retail Trade	8,810	15,434	1,565	747	120	17,866	11.4%	12.6%	131,249
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	6,692	6,622	416	241	60	7,339	4.7%	4.4%	46,372
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,744	1,910	272	148	30	2,360	1.5%	1.4%	14,118
52	Finance & Insurance	8,847	4,449	525	221	50	5,245	3.3%	3.4%	35,080
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	20,074	6,364	485	210	24	7,083	4.5%	3.8%	39,581
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	17,354	15,980	881	361	35	17,257	11.0%	10.3%	107,524
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	7,681	2,865	286	139	11	3,301	2.1%	1.6%	17,184
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	5,574	6,570	534	235	40	7,379	4.7%	4.3%	45,107
61	Educational Services	844	1,376	174	97	92	1,739	1.1%	1.0%	10,882
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,146	11,937	881	453	134	13,405	8.5%	7.6%	79,148
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,153	2,327	243	146	32	2,748	1.7%	1.7%	17,805
72	Accom. & Food Services	3,673	8,354	2,162	1,074	57	11,647	7.4%	7.3%	76,543
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	7,050	11,787	527	150	40	12,504	7.9%	9.4%	98,027
91	Public Administration	6	515	115	112	73	815	0.5%	0.7%	7,761

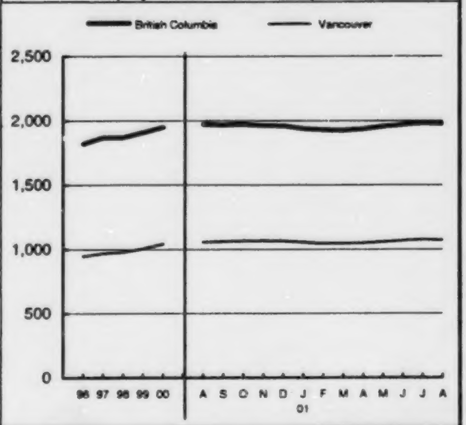
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

British Columbia

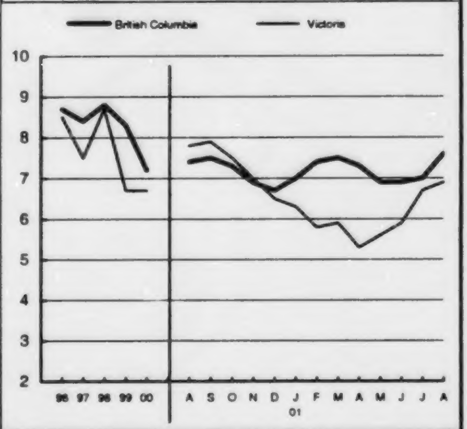
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991	1,572.6	10.1	832.8	8.5	134.9	8.4
	1992	1,620.3	10.2	859.8	9.0	133.6	7.9
	1993	1,675.9	9.7	869.5	9.3	138.8	8.3
	1994	1,754.0	9.0	908.9	8.6	144.3	7.1
	1995	1,792.3	8.4	929.6	7.9	143.1	8.4
	1996	1,821.2	8.7	948.6	8.0	143.5	8.5
	1997	1,869.0	8.4	971.3	8.3	149.8	7.5
	1998	1,870.2	8.8	979.6	8.1	146.6	8.7
	1999	1,906.4	8.3	1,005.4	7.8	154.2	6.7
	2000	1,949.1	7.2	1,044.5	5.9	153.6	6.7
2000	Jan	1,908.0	7.6	1,005.7	6.8	154.1	5.9
	Feb	1,913.2	7.5	1,011.5	6.5	155.1	6.2
	Mar	1,913.1	7.6	1,011.8	6.4	155.6	6.4
	Apr	1,919.7	7.4	1,017.3	6.0	156.5	6.3
	May	1,931.9	7.2	1,023.1	5.8	156.7	6.2
	Jun	1,953.2	6.9	1,036.6	5.7	155.8	6.1
	Jul	1,966.9	7.0	1,048.4	5.9	155.2	7.0
	Aug	1,973.3	7.4	1,058.3	6.2	154.6	7.8
	Sep	1,968.9	7.5	1,062.3	6.2	153.7	7.9
	Oct	1,972.3	7.3	1,066.7	6.1	152.2	7.5
	Nov	1,963.9	6.9	1,069.3	5.5	149.4	7.0
	Dec	1,961.2	6.7	1,067.2	5.2	149.3	6.5
2001	Jan	1,938.9	7.0	1,055.7	5.4	148.0	6.3
	Feb	1,928.9	7.4	1,046.4	5.9	147.0	5.8
	Mar	1,924.7	7.5	1,045.7	6.1	145.9	5.9
	Apr	1,936.5	7.3	1,050.7	5.9	148.1	5.3
	May	1,956.7	6.9	1,060.2	5.6	149.7	5.6
	Jun	1,969.1	6.9	1,068.1	5.7	150.1	5.9
	Jul	1,984.1	7.0	1,077.8	5.8	149.9	6.7
	Aug	1,976.3	7.6	1,072.9	6.4	149.6	6.9
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	1,942.1	7.4	1,033.0	6.1	155.4	6.8
	Jan-Aug01	1,953.2	7.4	1,059.7	6.1	148.4	6.2
	% Change	0.6		2.6		-4.5	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



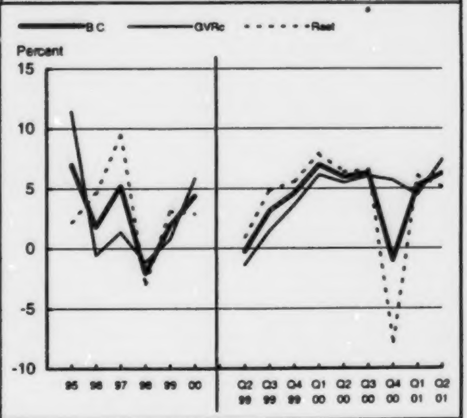
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
Quarterly data	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: Statistics Canada. Based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

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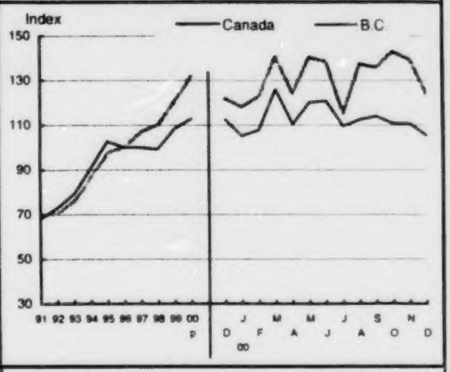
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	291	324	321		
25	Wood	601	714	686		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	264	302	297		
30	Metal Fabricating	547	650	634		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,881	4,378	4,228		
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	3,626.9	3,671.2	3,652.2	3,511.0	3,502.3
25	Wood	11,234.0	11,264.3	11,474.1	10,239.3	12,201.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8,920.0	9,038.8	9,164.0	8,018.9	9,554.5
30	Metal Fabricating	1,554.3	1,725.9	1,814.6	1,877.0	1,953.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35,040.3	34,096.0	34,582.6	33,890.2	36,994.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	17,467	16,475	16,171		
25	Wood	41,068	38,973	40,357		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	29,108	27,524	27,932		
30	Metal Fabricating	11,246	11,034	12,173		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	150,457	148,528	156,422		
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	588.1	546.5	531.5		
25	Wood	1,904.1	1,840.0	1,900.0		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,416.4	1,371.6	1,399.8		
30	Metal Fabricating	417.1	429.4	477.5		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,369.9	6,308.9	6,649.9		

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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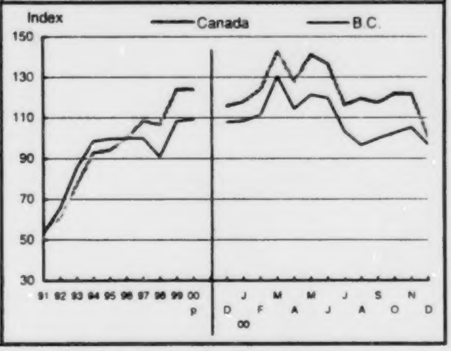
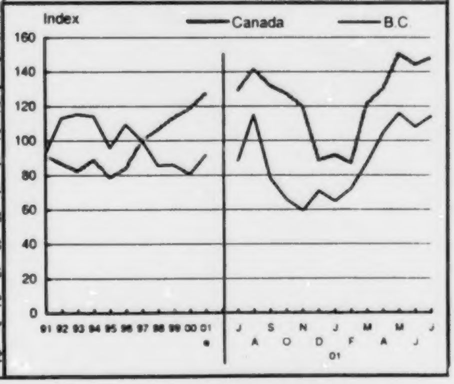


Source: Statistics Canada, published and unpublished editions of 31-203; and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	6,317.9	1,771.5	175.3	1,075.5	520.7	4,546.4	40,082
1995	5,304.5	1,949.0	247.3	1,016.8	684.9	3,355.5	26,842
1996	6,050.9	1,956.3	252.6	1,225.1	478.6	4,094.7	32,394
1997	5,531.8	1,954.2	282.4	1,357.0	314.9	3,577.6	28,654
1998	4,737.7	2,020.4	272.9	1,309.6	437.9	2,717.3	20,933
1999	4,751.7	2,110.7	324.3	1,137.4	649.0	2,641.0	18,978
2000	4,444.1	2,083.4	285.9	1,269.9	527.6	2,360.6	15,346
2001 e	5,072.1	2,239.6	242.3	1,283.1	714.2	2,832.5	17,822
Jul '00	2,649.6	1,233.6	162.6	758.5	312.5	1,416.0	8,937
Jul '01	3,077.2	1,384.3	142.0	786.2	456.1	1,692.9	10,332

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

British Columbia

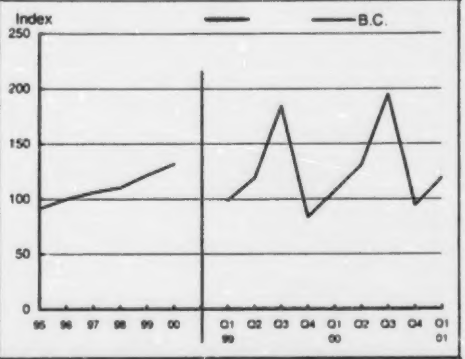
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,350.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			
Canada	1997	No data				
	1998	available				
	1999	for this				
	2000	table.				
	2001					

British Columbia 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,442,184.4	100.0%	76-149 Rooms	294,004.4	20.4%
Fishing lodges	15,646.8	1.1%	1-75 Rooms	196,991.1	13.7%
Hotels	1,105,188.7	76.6%	Motels	180,416.2	12.5%
250+ Rooms	425,571.1	29.5%	Vacation Rentals	88,680.9	6.1%
150-249 Rooms	188,622.2	13.1%	Miscellaneous	52,251.8	3.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

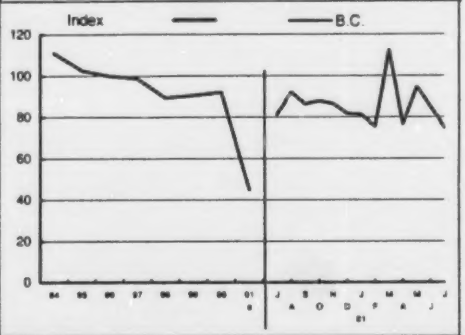


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	25,774
1995	23,846
1996	23,237
1997	22,958
1998	20,759
1999	21,009
2000	21,386
2001 e	10,459
Jan-Jul 00	12,976
Jan-Jul 01	11,614

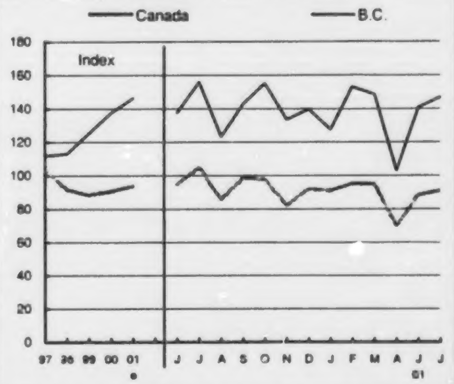
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



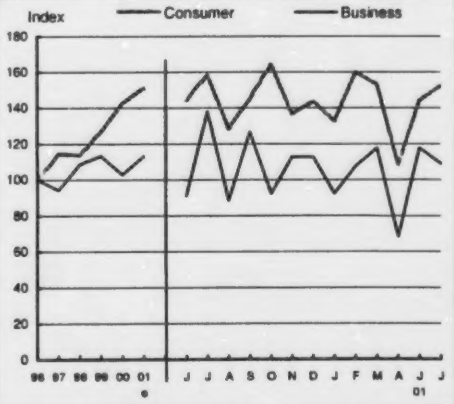
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	6436	948	5964	849	472	99
1997	7,366	895	6,720	775	646	120
1998	7,327	1,031	6,629	875	698	156
1999	8,179	1,075	7,325	905	854	170
2000	9,181	976	8,198	828	983	148
2001 e	9,731	1,073	8,455	908	1,285	165
Jan-Jun 00	4,704	493	4,216	422	488	71
Jan-Jun 01	4,986	542	4,348	463	638	79

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
British Columbia	Sep '98	6.7	9.7	7.6	5.6	3.0
	Dec '98	6.5	9.2	7.5	5.6	2.9
	Mar '99	6.6	9.3	7.7	5.6	2.9
	Jun '99	6.4	9.1	7.3	5.4	2.9
	Sep '99	6.1	8.9	6.8	5.2	2.9
	Dec '99	6.0	8.6	6.8	5.1	2.9
	Mar '00	6.1	8.7	7.1	5.1	2.9
	Jun '00	6.0	8.6	6.9	5.0	2.9
	Sep '00	5.8	8.4	6.6	4.8	2.9
	Dec '00	5.6	8.1	6.5	4.7	2.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

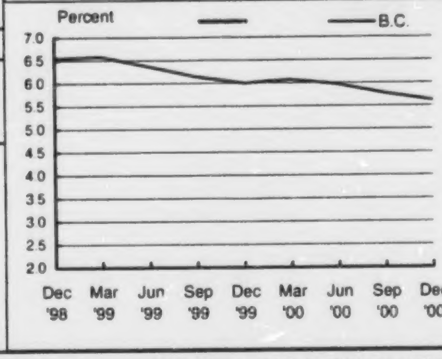
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	2.8	3.1	1.6	Sep '98
3.9	4.0	4.2	2.6	Dec '98
4.1	4.3	4.4	2.5	Mar '99
2.9	2.9	3.2	1.6	Jun '99
2.8	2.6	3.1	1.5	Sep '99
3.3	3.3	3.6	2.3	Dec '99
3.5	3.4	3.7	2.3	Mar '00
2.6	2.5	2.8	1.6	Jun '00
2.2	2.1	2.5	1.3	Sep '00
3.1	3.0	3.3	2.2	Dec '00

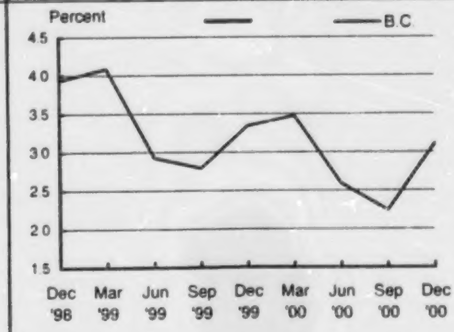
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	B.C.	Canada
Total Number of Recipients	194,881	no data available
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	41.2	no data available
1-2 Years	17.8	
>2 Years	41.1	

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipientsas % of Total Pop 0-64: Province of British Columbia



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

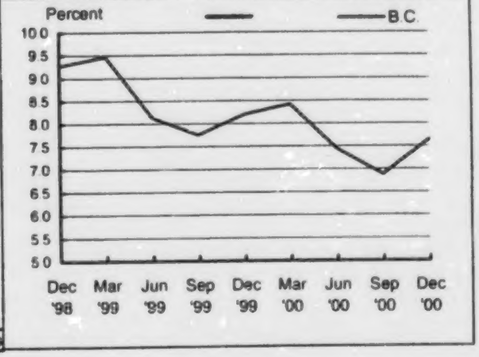
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
British Columbia	Dec '98	9.3	11.1	9.6	5.9
	Mar '99	9.5	11.6	9.8	5.8
	Jun '99	8.1	10.0	8.5	4.8
	Sep '99	7.8	9.2	8.1	4.7
	Dec '99	8.2	9.7	8.5	5.4
	Mar '00	8.4	10.2	8.7	5.4
	Jun '00	7.4	9.2	7.7	4.6
	Sep '00	6.9	8.4	7.1	4.3
	Dec '00	7.7	9.2	7.9	5.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Province of British Columbia



British Columbia

13 Demographics

The British Columbia population is getting larger and older. The major factor driving population growth is migration to British Columbia. The aging of the population is caused by a long-term historical decline in fertility rates. The baby boom that occurred between the end of World War II and the mid-sixties helped delay the onset of the full effect of this aging. As these "boomers" reach retirement age, the aging of the population will accelerate. As the population ages, the rate of natural increase will fall, which means that migration will become an even greater part of population growth in the future.

14 Projection

Interprovincial migration levels have fallen substantially after several years of extremely large inflows. The provincial share of international migration has increased over the last few years and the higher levels are expected to be maintained for at least the short-term. As a result, population growth should persist, despite the drop in interprovincial migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

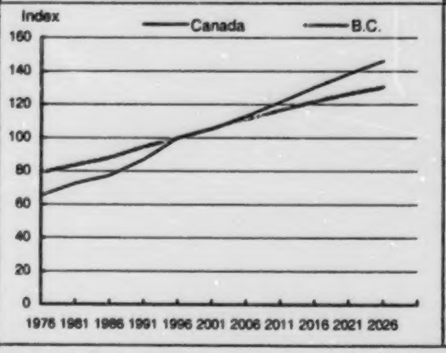
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	177.4	577.3	333.4	699.7	500.8	245.2	2,533.8	849.4	0.492	0.160	0.652	1976
1981	195.0	546.7	377.6	861.3	542.0	301.2	2,823.9	1,022.8	0.416	0.169	0.586	1981
1986	209.4	528.1	340.5	983.4	584.5	358.2	3,004.1	1,157.7	0.386	0.188	0.574	1986
1991	227.9	577.6	326.2	1,146.1	666.9	428.6	3,373.4	1,278.5	0.377	0.200	0.577	1991
1996	242.4	662.5	361.3	1,291.8	837.3	486.9	3,882.0	1,484.9	0.363	0.196	0.559	1996
2001	214.0	673.8	381.6	1,280.3	1,009.6	537.7	4,096.9	1,637.4	0.332	0.201	0.534	2001
2006	218.2	655.3	405.9	1,293.0	1,214.1	596.5	4,383.0	1,829.8	0.300	0.205	0.505	2006
2011	233.6	642.3	420.2	1,339.7	1,395.1	683.9	4,714.9	2,035.1	0.278	0.217	0.494	2011
2016	249.0	652.3	420.4	1,413.8	1,483.1	833.1	5,051.7	2,235.4	0.272	0.251	0.523	2016
2021	257.9	692.1	398.2	1,496.6	1,525.3	1,003.1	5,373.1	2,398.1	0.278	0.293	0.571	2021
2026	260.9	727.6	412.9	1,525.3	1,560.1	1,185.7	5,672.4	2,549.9	0.283	0.339	0.621	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

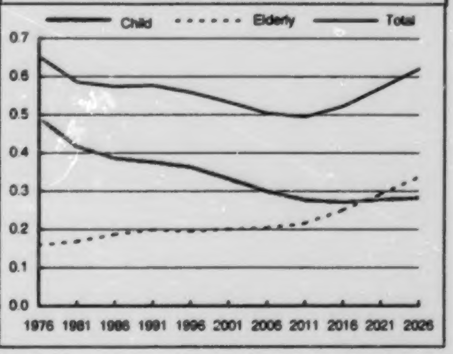
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Capital, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, Powell River, Mount Waddington, Central Coast

Outside of the Capital region, forestry is by far the dominant economic activity in this region. In some areas, fishing is as important as the forest sector, but on the whole, the forest sector is what drives the economy. Within the Capital region, the public sector and services related to tourism and retirement are the main economic drivers. Victoria's status as the provincial capital means that the bulk of the government sector is located within Greater Victoria.

Since the forest sector is so important to this region's economy, developments in forestry will have significant effects on the population of the region. Many of the Timber Supply Areas and Tree Farm Licenses in this region are experiencing reductions to the Allowable Annual Cut. The Clayoquot Sound area is one of the more publicized reductions, but there are other areas that have also experienced cuts to the timber supply in the form of AAC reductions. These reductions could lead to job loss, particularly if alternative fibre sources cannot be found and processing facilities in the region are forced to shut down.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Vancouver Island/Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	20,289	22,764	1,892	846	164	25,666	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,198	1,330	92	46	9	1,477	5.8%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	57	49	2	4	2	57	0.2%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	13	15	2	3	1	21	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	3,707	2,736	183	37	4	2,960	11.5%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	736	1,013	107	72	22	1,214	4.7%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	704	938	76	26	3	1,043	4.1%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	1,496	3,024	287	128	20	3,459	13.5%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	852	905	42	27	9	983	3.8%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	166	208	43	12	4	267	1.0%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	1,133	622	66	36	6	730	2.8%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,991	969	71	27	2	1,069	4.2%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2,663	2,655	127	29	0	2,811	11.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1,092	432	21	15	0	468	1.8%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	854	1,051	69	26	6	1,152	4.5%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	146	246	23	17	18	304	1.2%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	215	2,572	160	93	24	2,849	11.1%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	352	425	34	17	3	479	1.9%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	624	1,537	379	183	4	2,103	8.2%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,289	1,900	78	23	1	2,002	7.8%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	1	137	30	25	26	218	0.8%	0.5%	815

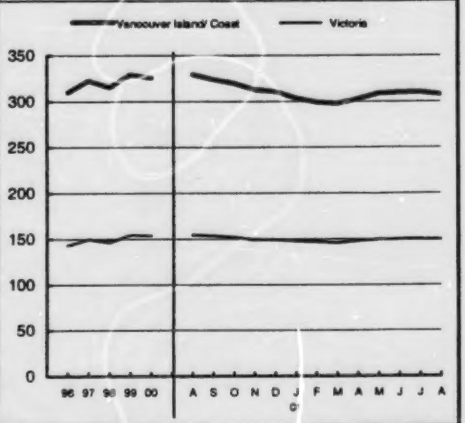
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

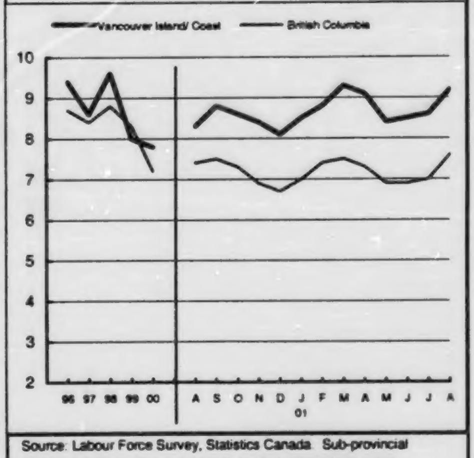
3 **Employment and Unemployment Rate,** **monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month**

	Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991			134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Aug00	332.4	7.6	155.4	6.8	1,942.1	7.4
Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
% Change	-8.4		-4.5		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



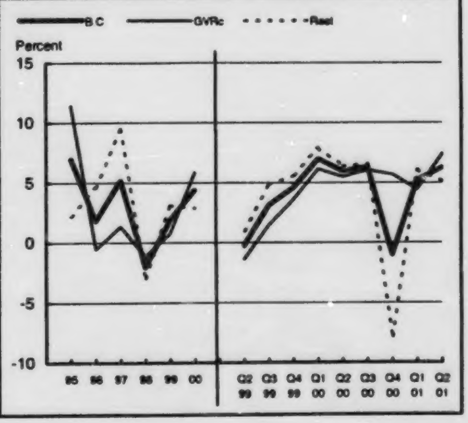
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 **Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey**

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
Quarterly data	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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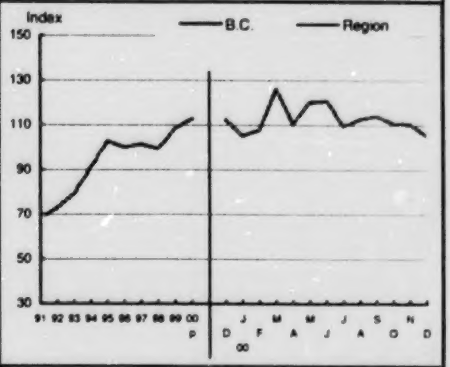
Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

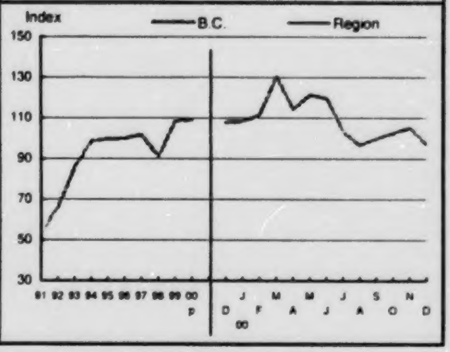
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	40	42	35	41	42
25	Wood	86	83	91	119	110
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	31	30	35	46	43
30	Metal Fabricating	60	55	62	79	71
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	427	423	472	559	540
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

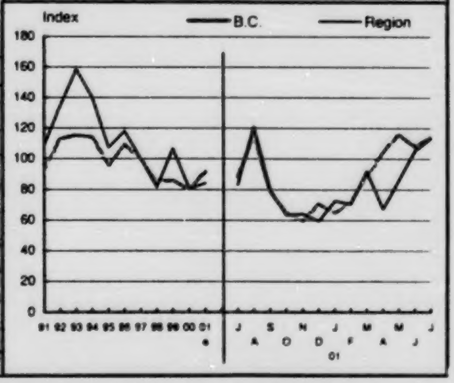


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	1,006.9	255.6	21.4	169.3	64.9	751.3	7,679
1995	771.7	299.0	40.5	128.3	130.2	472.7	3,899
1996	848.6	274.0	17.4	189.0	67.6	574.6	5,097
1997	718.6	237.8	13.3	168.3	56.2	480.9	3,849
1998	586.6	241.1	29.9	142.1	69.1	345.5	2,752
1999	766.4	406.1	34.1	169.9	202.0	360.3	2,823
2000	579.7	274.1	29.3	146.0	98.9	305.6	1,920
2001 e	605.8	259.7	34.1	158.0	67.6	346.1	2,108
Jul '00	347.6	166.6	18.2	79.7	68.7	181.0	1,114
Jul '01	364.0	159.8	26.4	85.1	48.2	204.3	1,222

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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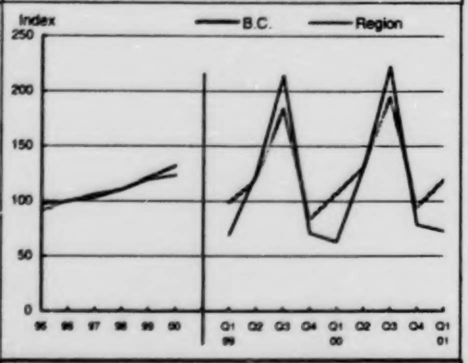
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	1997	206,480.2	27,791.5	53,741.5	93,646.1	30,301.2
	1998	219,676.9	29,608.9	56,943.8	97,744.2	35,380.0
	1999	238,389.2	34,522.1	62,216.9	106,259.8	35,390.3
	2000	245,354.5	31,384.6	64,514.9	110,348.5	39,106.4
	2001	36,150.5	36,150.5			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Vanc. Isl./Coast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	245,527.3	100.0%	1-75 Rooms	52,021.3	21.2%
Fishing lodges	8,821.8	3.6%	Motels	33,783.0	13.8%
Hotels	161,540.9	65.8%	Vacation Rentals	23,674.4	9.6%
150+ Rooms	63,425.7	25.8%	Miscellaneous	17,707.1	7.2%
76-149 Rooms	46,094.0	18.8%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

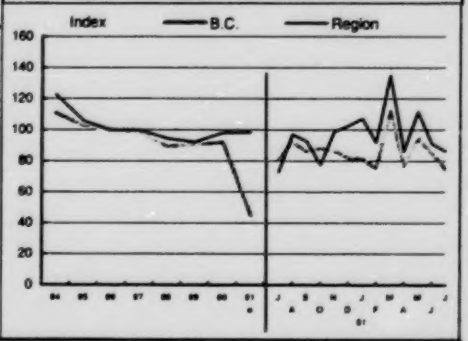


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	3,154
1995	2,723
1996	2,573
1997	2,571
1998	2,434
1999	2,372
2000	2,523
2001 e	2,528
Jan-Jul 00	1,518
Jan-Jul 01	1,521

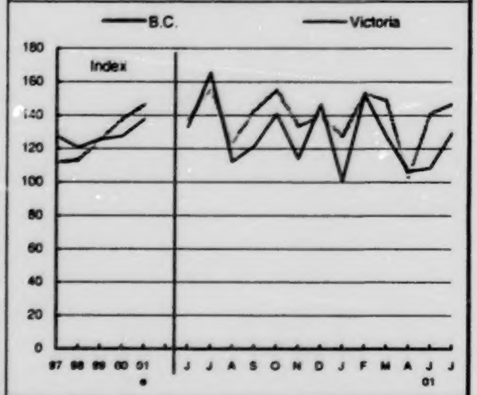
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



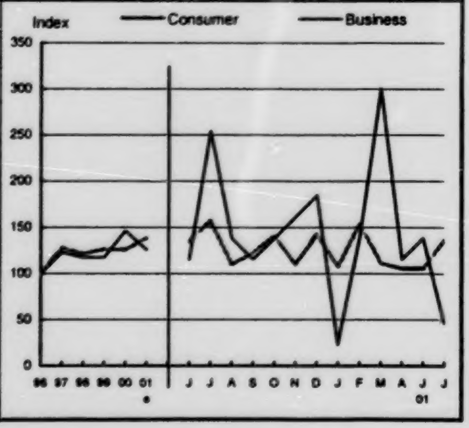
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	579	52	211	25	6436	948
1997	742	64	263	20	7,366	895
1998	701	61	319	43	7,327	1,031
1999	733	61	375	35	8,179	1,075
2000	728	76	363	48	9,181	976
2001 e	804	65	323	99	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	375	36	200	14	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	414	31	178	29	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Sep '98	7.9	11.4	11.1	6.7	3.5
	Dec '98	7.8	10.8	11.1	6.7	3.4
	Mar '99	8.0	11.0	11.7	6.9	3.3
	Jun '99	7.7	10.7	11.1	6.6	3.3
	Sep '99	7.4	10.6	10.4	6.3	3.3
	Dec '99	7.2	10.1	10.3	6.2	3.3
	Mar '00	7.4	10.2	11.1	6.3	3.3
	Jun '00	7.3	10.2	10.7	6.1	3.3
	Sep '00	7.1	10.0	10.2	6.0	3.3
	Dec '00	6.9	9.6	10.1	5.9	3.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

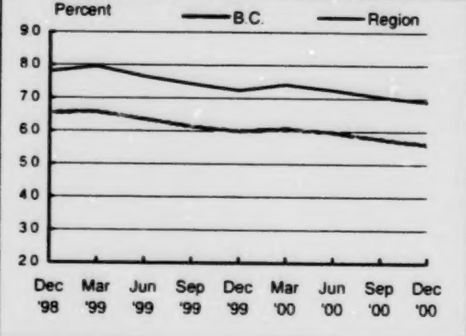
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	3.2	3.3	1.5	Sep '98
4.4	4.6	4.8	2.2	Dec '98
4.2	4.4	4.7	2.0	Mar '99
2.7	2.8	3.0	1.3	Jun '99
2.6	2.5	2.9	1.3	Sep '99
3.4	3.7	3.7	1.9	Dec '99
3.4	3.7	3.7	1.8	Mar '00
2.4	2.4	2.7	1.2	Jun '00
2.1	2.0	2.3	1.2	Sep '00
3.2	3.3	3.5	1.8	Dec '00

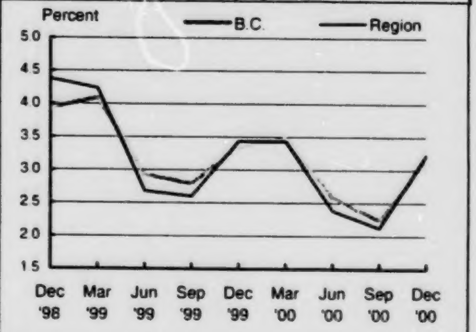
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	41,115	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.9	41.2
1-2 Years	18.2	17.8
>2 Years	39.0	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

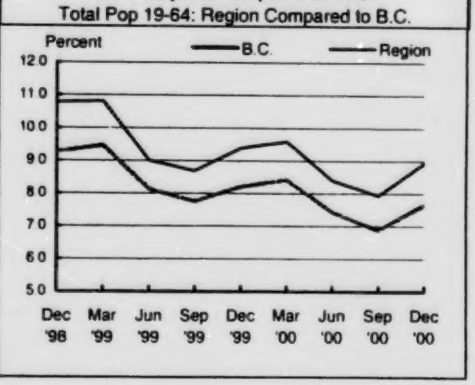
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Dec '98	10.8	15.2	11.3	5.1
	Mar '99	10.8	15.6	11.3	4.9
	Jun '99	9.0	13.5	9.3	4.1
	Sep '99	8.7	12.5	9.1	4.1
	Dec '99	9.4	13.5	9.7	4.8
	Mar '00	9.6	14.3	9.9	4.7
	Jun '00	8.4	12.8	8.6	4.1
	Sep '00	7.9	11.9	8.2	3.9
	Dec '00	8.9	13.1	9.2	4.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Vancouver Island/Coast

Development Region

13 Demographics

There are several retirement communities located in this region such as in the Victoria and Qualicum areas, and this is likely why the median age of the population is significantly higher than the provincial median. This is reflected in the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64), which is significantly higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the gender ratio is biased in favour of females, even more so than for the province as a whole, and this may also be due to the older population (i.e., since women tend to live longer than men).

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) in this region is declining and will likely become negative in the next couple of years; however, net migration to the region is expected to remain at high levels, which will more than compensate for any losses due to a negative natural increase. As a result, this region will continue to experience strong population growth throughout the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	31.7	106.2	62.2	122.0	99.3	55.1	476.6	165.1	0.487	0.194	0.681	1976
1981	34.9	99.7	68.2	153.4	106.5	68.1	530.8	200.0	0.410	0.208	0.618	1981
1986	36.9	95.7	58.8	172.4	111.5	81.7	557.0	224.8	0.387	0.238	0.625	1986
1991	39.9	105.2	55.9	201.1	127.6	99.2	628.9	250.5	0.377	0.258	0.635	1991
1996	40.6	118.6	60.1	218.3	158.8	110.0	706.4	288.4	0.364	0.252	0.616	1996
2001	33.3	117.1	62.9	206.2	189.0	119.3	727.8	307.2	0.328	0.260	0.589	2001
2006	34.0	109.9	67.7	201.9	223.7	127.8	765.1	339.9	0.292	0.259	0.551	2006
2011	36.1	106.2	70.3	205.7	252.6	143.6	814.5	376.3	0.269	0.272	0.541	2011
2016	38.0	107.5	69.3	215.7	262.4	171.3	864.2	410.7	0.266	0.313	0.579	2016
2021	39.1	112.9	64.4	227.9	263.4	201.9	909.6	436.6	0.274	0.363	0.637	2021
2026	39.2	117.1	66.2	232.3	262.3	232.7	949.7	459.8	0.279	0.415	0.694	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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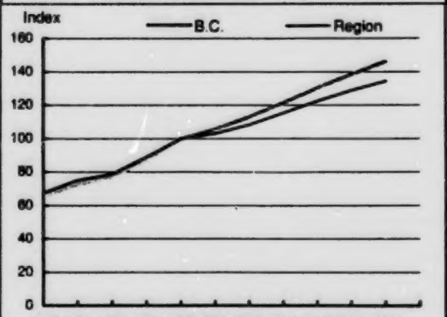
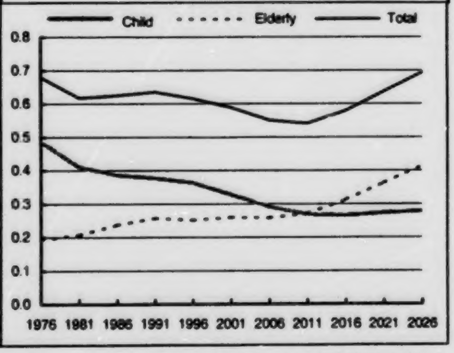


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast, Squamish-Lillooet

This region encompasses the economic heart of the province. The Greater Vancouver region has an extensive manufacturing, trade and service base and many of the areas surrounding Vancouver depend on its economic activities. In the regions furthest from Vancouver, forestry and agriculture are the main economic drivers. Tourism is also gaining in importance, particularly in the Whistler area.

The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. The plan will affect the growth patterns and the distribution of the population within the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mainland/Southwest							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	83,152	77,254	7,954	4,117	736	90,061	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	2,265	2,504	186	84	10	2,784	3.1%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	521	293	30	19	3	345	0.4%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	49	35	5	8	6	54	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	12,699	8,116	606	281	37	9,040	10.0%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	2,620	4,291	872	554	107	5,824	6.5%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	4,774	6,490	742	314	28	7,574	8.4%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	5,186	8,071	859	423	87	9,440	10.5%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	3,789	3,428	275	164	38	3,905	4.3%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,394	1,386	188	118	26	1,718	1.9%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	6,397	2,996	353	159	40	3,548	3.9%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,412	3,917	315	154	19	4,405	4.9%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	12,410	10,457	664	305	35	11,461	12.7%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5,297	1,800	195	112	9	2,116	2.3%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	3,721	3,957	377	189	32	4,555	5.1%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	555	836	122	65	33	1,056	1.2%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	700	6,657	470	228	82	7,437	8.3%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,442	1,151	129	99	24	1,403	1.6%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,022	4,243	1,189	693	43	6,168	6.8%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	3,897	6,508	353	111	38	7,010	7.8%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	2	118	24	37	39	218	0.2%	0.5%	815

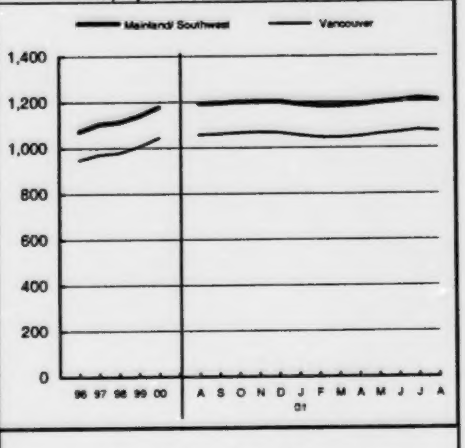
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

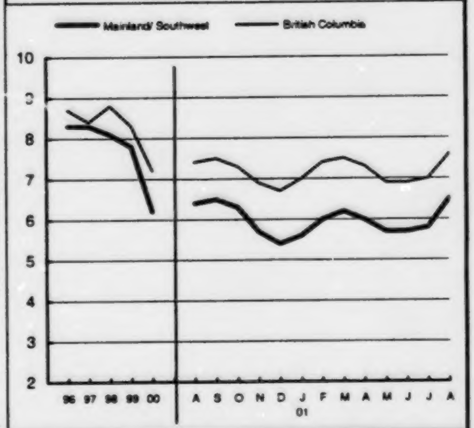
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1991				832.8	8.5	1,572.6	10.1
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,143.3	7.1	1,005.7	6.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,147.2	6.8	1,011.5	6.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,143.8	6.7	1,011.8	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,147.2	6.3	1,017.3	6.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,153.4	6.1	1,023.1	5.8	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,169.1	6.0	1,036.6	5.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,181.9	6.1	1,048.4	5.9	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,192.9	6.4	1,058.3	6.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,196.1	6.5	1,062.3	6.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,202.1	6.3	1,066.7	6.1	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,202.5	5.7	1,069.3	5.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,202.5	5.4	1,067.2	5.2	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,198.8	5.7	1,060.2	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,205.2	5.7	1,068.1	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,215.0	5.8	1,077.8	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,208.2	6.5	1,072.9	6.4	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	1,165.9	6.4	1,033.0	6.1	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	1,196.6	6.2	1,059.7	6.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.6		2.6		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



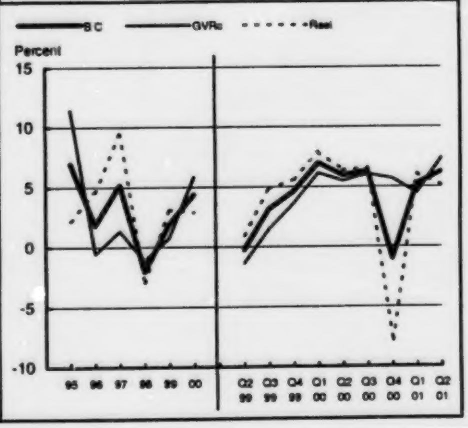
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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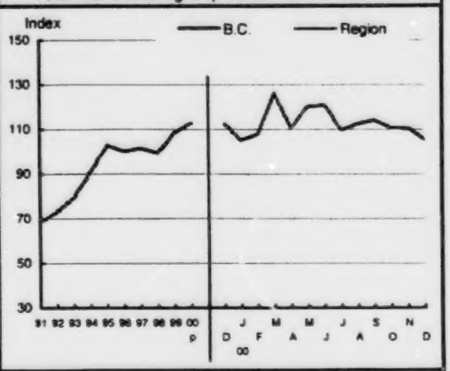
Development Region

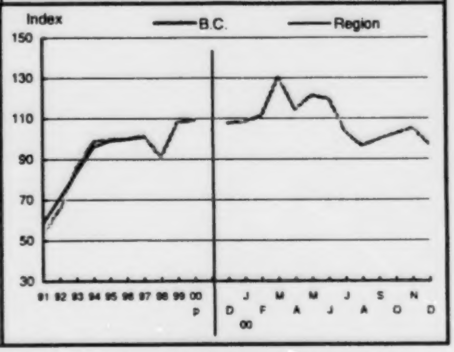
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	222	212	217	242	241
25	Wood	278	271	269	312	297
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	81	80	80	84	84
30	Metal Fabricating	349	345	373	439	432
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,451	2,361	2,607	2,916	2,815
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	2,983.9	3,078.4	3,109.8	3,136.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	1,366.2	1,458.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	14,283	14,150	13,201	13,395
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	8,178	8,925
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	569.6	594.3	568.3	570.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	327.1	359.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

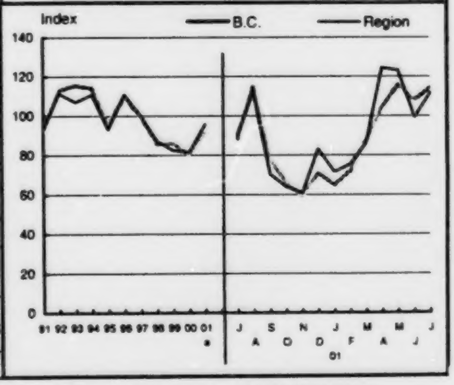


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	4,107.3	1,143.7	91.2	721.6	330.9	2,963.6	24,283
1995	3,452.3	1,236.7	126.2	680.1	430.4	2,215.6	16,495
1996	4,113.6	1,303.5	175.0	823.8	304.6	2,810.1	20,275
1997	3,708.2	1,310.7	183.7	953.3	173.6	2,397.6	18,440
1998	3,236.3	1,414.9	189.2	944.3	281.4	1,821.4	13,115
1999	3,061.9	1,304.9	231.0	749.5	324.4	1,757.0	11,496
2000	3,029.7	1,412.9	185.1	929.3	298.4	1,616.8	10,024
2001 e	3.551.6	1,502.6	170.1	901.3	431.2	2,049.0	12,357
Jul '00	1,822.2	851.7	99.8	567.1	184.8	970.5	5,888
Jul '01	2,137.7	908.9	92.6	549.7	266.7	1,228.8	7,257

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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Development Region

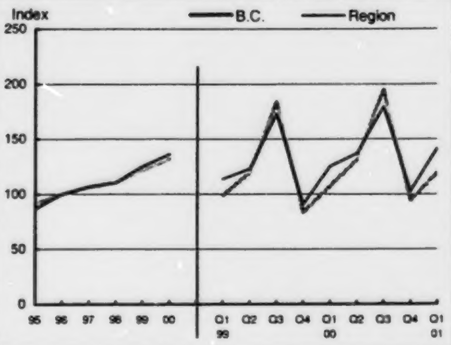
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	1997	665,314.1	132,055.5	170,404.2	234,069.5	128,784.9
	1998	686,970.2	144,376.1	164,343.2	243,479.4	134,771.4
	1999	778,152.8	176,701.5	191,542.8	268,675.0	141,233.5
	2000	845,727.9	194,795.4	212,782.5	278,540.5	159,609.6
	2001	219,555.3	219,555.3			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Mainland/SW 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	846,264.6	100.0%	Motels	32,103.7	3.8%
Hotels	767,362.2	90.7%	Vacation Rentals	33,396.4	3.9%
150+ Rooms	528,796.1	62.5%			
76-149 Rooms	164,559.6	19.4%			
1-75 Rooms	74,006.4	8.7%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

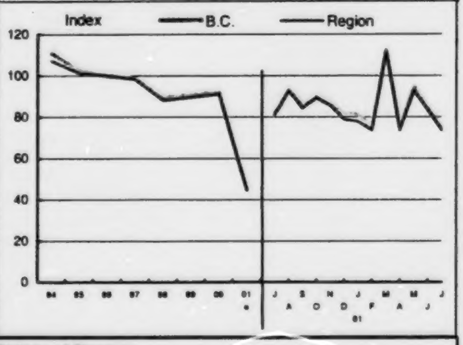


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	18,638
1995	17,599
1996	17,397
1997	17,099
1998	15,320
1999	15,578
2000	15,862
2001 e	7,764
Jan-Jul 00	9,610
Jan-Jul 01	8,491

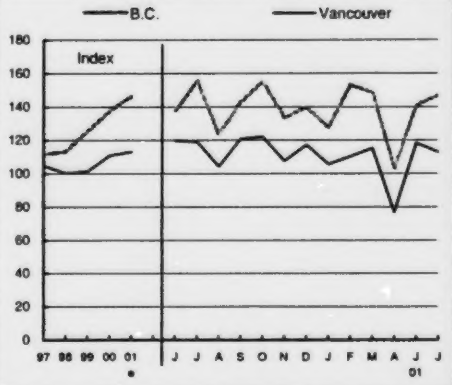
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



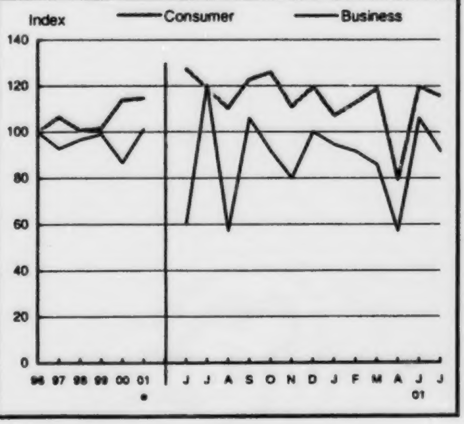
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	3374	419	209	34	117	20
1997	3,593	389	318	38	145	23
1998	3,399	405	308	37	147	27
1999	3,428	415	397	68	193	24
2000	3,842	363	487	45	213	22
2001 e	3,871	424	487	47	246	17
Jan-Jun 00	2,019	185	244	28	98	12
Jan-Jun 01	2,034	216	244	29	113	9

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Sep '98	6.1	8.9	5.9	5.2	2.6
	Dec '98	5.9	8.5	5.6	5.1	2.5
	Mar '99	5.8	8.4	5.6	5.0	2.5
	Jun '99	5.6	8.2	5.2	4.8	2.5
	Sep '99	5.4	8.0	5.0	4.6	2.5
	Dec '99	5.2	7.8	4.8	4.5	2.5
	Mar '00	5.2	7.7	4.9	4.5	2.5
	Jun '00	5.1	7.6	4.8	4.3	2.5
	Sep '00	4.9	7.4	4.6	4.1	2.5
	Dec '00	4.8	7.1	4.5	4.0	2.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

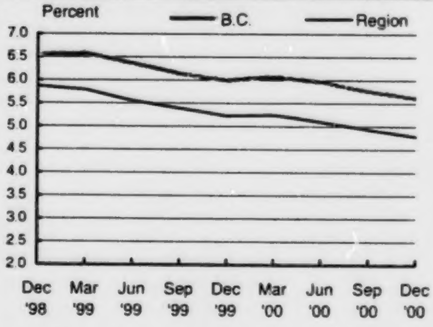
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.5	2.2	2.8	1.6	Sep '98
3.3	2.9	3.5	2.6	Dec '98
3.4	3.2	3.6	2.4	Mar '99
2.5	2.3	2.8	1.5	Jun '99
2.5	2.1	2.7	1.4	Sep '99
2.9	2.5	3.1	2.3	Dec '99
2.9	2.5	3.1	2.2	Mar '00
2.3	2.0	2.5	1.5	Jun '00
2.0	1.7	2.2	1.2	Sep '00
2.6	2.1	2.7	2.2	Dec '00

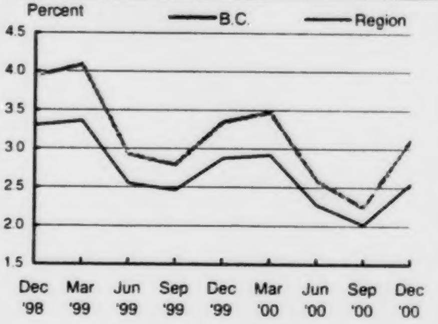
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	96,321	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	36.1	41.2
1-2 Years	17.5	17.8
>2 Years	46.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

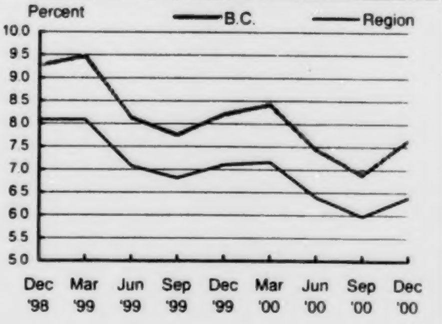
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Dec '98	8.1	8.3	8.4	6.1
	Mar '99	8.1	8.5	8.4	5.8
	Jun '99	7.1	7.3	7.4	4.8
	Sep '99	6.8	6.9	7.2	4.6
	Dec '99	7.1	7.1	7.4	5.5
	Mar '00	7.2	7.3	7.5	5.4
	Jun '00	6.4	6.6	6.7	4.6
	Sep '00	6.0	6.1	6.3	4.2
	Dec '00	6.4	6.4	6.6	5.1

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Mainland/Southwest

Development Region

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Demographics

This region comprises well over half the provincial population, despite being the smallest in terms of land mass. As a result, the demographic characteristics of the region's population are similar to those of British Columbia as a whole.

This region receives close to 90 per cent of immigrants moving to British Columbia, and over half of all interprovincial in-migrants. As a result, when the province experiences high levels of net migration, this region also experiences significant population growth.

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Projection

It is expected that migration to British Columbia, both from international and interprovincial sources, will remain high throughout most of the projection period, although for interprovincial migration, at least, the levels will be much less than those experienced in the last few years, and in the short-term there will be net outflows of interprovincial migrants. As a result of the substantial inflows of migrants, this region will continue to experience strong population growth.

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Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	85.5	283.1	178.0	381.2	276.8	139.4	1,343.9	464.4	0.441	0.167	0.608	1976
1981	93.5	264.2	199.7	463.1	295.9	167.3	1,483.7	550.4	0.373	0.175	0.548	1981
1986	108.4	263.2	193.7	553.3	321.3	195.9	1,635.9	639.0	0.348	0.183	0.531	1986
1991	125.4	301.2	191.4	669.1	367.5	230.2	1,884.9	711.2	0.347	0.187	0.535	1991
1996	137.8	354.3	212.8	769.8	466.4	258.6	2,199.7	827.7	0.340	0.178	0.518	1996
2001	127.4	367.4	217.4	778.0	567.0	282.1	2,339.2	923.9	0.317	0.181	0.497	2001
2006	127.7	368.9	230.8	791.0	685.7	313.7	2,517.7	1,028.4	0.291	0.184	0.475	2006
2011	137.7	368.2	244.0	822.9	798.3	362.7	2,733.8	1,146.9	0.271	0.194	0.466	2011
2016	149.0	375.0	250.4	868.1	861.1	449.0	2,952.5	1,266.4	0.265	0.227	0.492	2016
2021	156.9	399.3	241.3	921.0	899.3	546.9	3,164.6	1,369.2	0.270	0.265	0.535	2021
2026	160.8	425.9	247.9	948.7	929.4	654.3	3,367.1	1,464.2	0.276	0.308	0.584	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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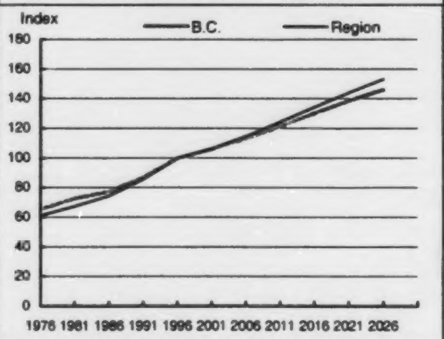
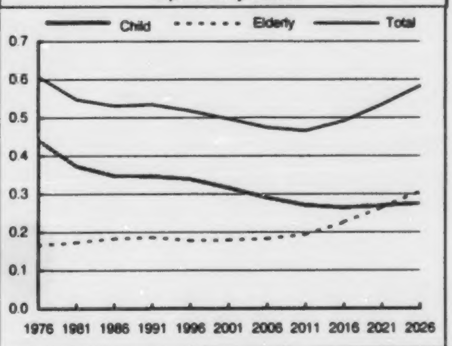


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Thompson/Okanagan
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap

The main economic drivers in this region are forestry, tourism and agriculture. This region contains the most productive agricultural areas within the province. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. Tourism, especially new resort development, is supplementing forestry as an important economic driver in this region. Mining is also important, especially around Kamloops where the largest mine in the province, Highland Valley Mines, is located. The region also has the third largest concentration of high technology companies in the province.

Developments in the resource sectors will affect the population flows to and from this region. Four major mines have closed in this region in the last few years due either to ore depletion or poor metal prices. Although the impact of these closures on a regional basis will probably be small, the local impacts could be significant. The Highland Valley Mines is projected to close around 2008 and will have the most significant impact in terms of job loss and population movement.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson/Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	14,568	18,071	1,520	592	77	20,260	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,222	1,951	81	24	3	2,059	10.2%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	78	76	1	1	2	80	0.4%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	29	34	4	3	0	41	0.2%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	2,797	2,356	139	41	1	2,537	12.5%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	532	833	131	78	15	1,057	5.2%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	616	873	79	15	1	968	4.8%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	1,089	2,142	213	99	8	2,462	12.2%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	754	794	40	23	3	860	4.2%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	110	135	19	10	0	164	0.8%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	840	530	52	13	3	598	3.0%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,103	837	57	22	1	917	4.5%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	1,296	1,468	45	14	0	1,527	7.5%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	785	403	53	7	1	464	2.3%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	528	817	47	12	1	877	4.3%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	84	160	17	9	13	199	1.0%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	131	1,449	114	59	12	1,634	8.1%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	182	338	48	16	3	405	2.0%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	524	1,197	311	120	6	1,634	8.1%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	866	1,563	49	10	0	1,622	8.0%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	2	115	20	16	4	155	0.8%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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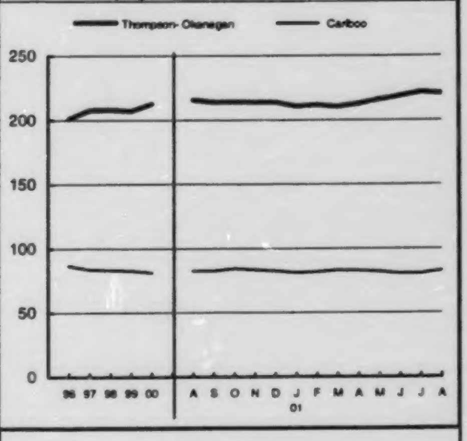
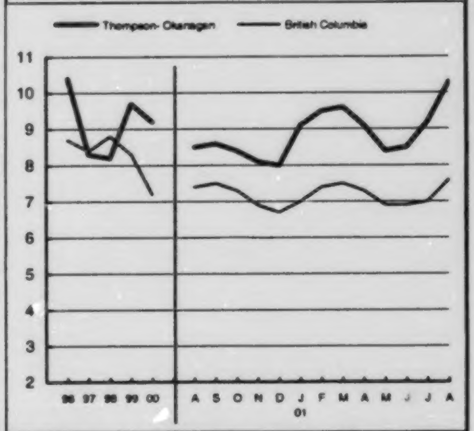
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Aug00	212.0	9.8	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
% Change	2.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



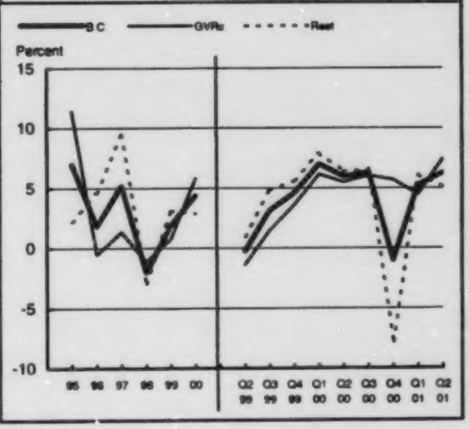
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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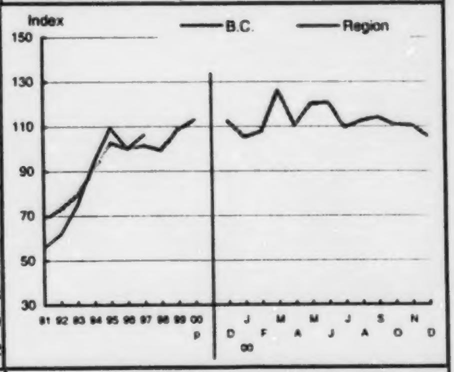
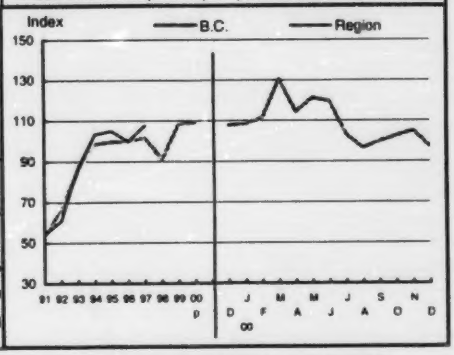
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	23	21	23	24	21
25	Wood	99	97	92	114	113
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	42	42	53	54
30	Metal Fabricating	54	56	62	74	73
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	375	378	414	464	451
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	117.2	113.8	119.5	219.0	129.5
25	Wood	1,288.7	1,531.0	1,556.4	1,481.7	1,597.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	380.7	615.9	631.4	627.2	660.8
30	Metal Fabricating	80.6	98.7	121.6	135.5	137.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,557.3	3,223.7	3,737.3	3,418.4	3,635.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	585	617	542	636	374
25	Wood	6,111	6,800	6,287	5,885	6,231
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,705	2,498	2,400	2,188	2,273
30	Metal Fabricating	903	931	1,085	1,115	1,207
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	14,223	15,801	16,256	15,640	16,320
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	17.0	17.5	19.7	23.7	12.3
25	Wood	248.6	292.2	289.3	277.2	303.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	74.0	108.0	109.8	102.1	118.5
30	Metal Fabricating	27.7	29.3	37.5	40.0	42.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	538.1	620.7	669.0	645.2	683.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

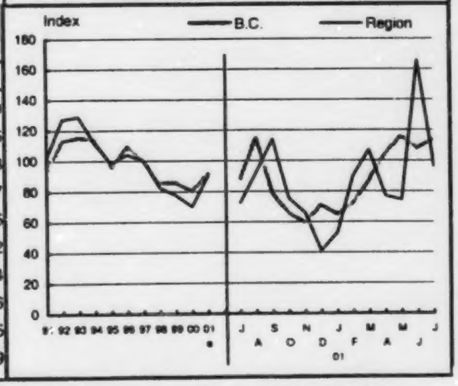
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	633.4	161.6	24.0	106.7	30.9	471.9	4,690
1995	561.4	207.2	30.6	116.7	59.9	354.2	3,545
1996	593.3	213.7	19.3	113.7	80.6	379.7	3,853
1997	569.3	183.3	46.6	100.9	35.8	386.0	3,607
1998	470.5	202.9	26.5	130.0	46.4	267.7	2,475
1999	442.6	182.3	18.4	101.4	62.5	260.3	2,382
2000	399.6	182.4	30.6	97.2	54.6	217.2	1,744
2001 e	513.1	242.6	19.7	153.9	69.0	270.6	2,296
Jul '00	215.0	88.3	13.2	52.4	22.7	126.8	905
Jul '01	314.7	156.6	12.3	109.3	35.0	158.0	1,199

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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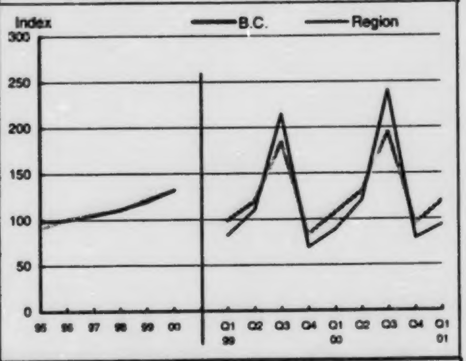
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	1997	146,520.0	23,199.8	35,178.1	66,289.1	21,852.9
	1998	155,799.5	24,991.7	37,596.0	70,365.9	22,845.9
	1999	166,895.0	29,008.3	38,557.5	75,051.6	24,277.6
	2000	185,048.8	31,115.2	42,184.6	84,053.2	27,695.9
	2001	32,764.1	32,764.1			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Thompson/Ok. 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	184,905.6	100.0%	Motels	57,554.9	31.1%
Fishing lodges	1,637.3	0.9%	Vacation Rentals	20,201.7	10.9%
Hotels	98,161.4	53.1%	Miscellaneous	7,350.4	4.0%
76+ Rooms	66,035.1	35.7%			
1-75 Rooms	32,126.3	17.4%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

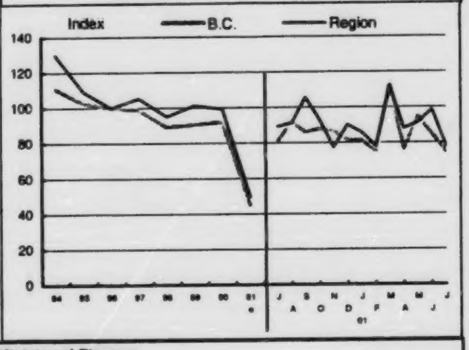


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	2,216
1995	1,863
1996	1,706
1997	1,797
1998	1,622
1999	1,729
2000	1,695
2001 e	850
Jan-Jul 00	1,045
Jan-Jul 01	898

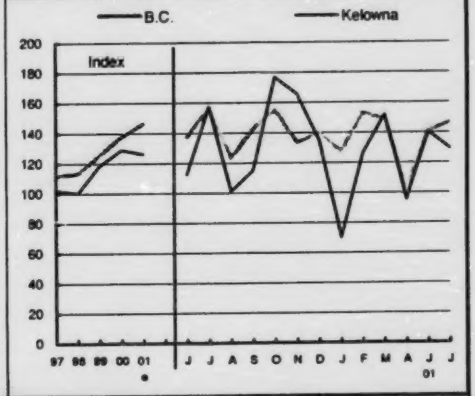
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



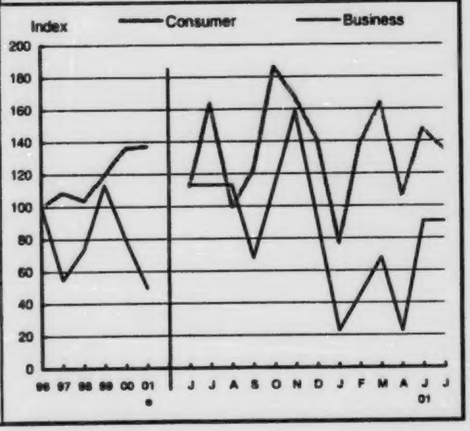
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	374	53	180	52	129	26
1997	407	29	206	42	155	12
1998	389	39	193	38	157	22
1999	446	60	213	41	176	13
2000	509	42	258	51	202	17
2001 e	513	26	268	42	173	23
Jan-Jun 00	262	24	149	34	98	9
Jan-Jun 01	264	15	155	28	84	12

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '98	7.3	10.6	8.4	6.1	3.7
	Dec '98	7.1	9.9	8.6	6.2	3.4
	Mar '99	7.4	10.3	9.4	6.4	3.4
	Jun '99	7.2	10.2	8.9	6.2	3.4
	Sep '99	6.9	10.0	8.4	5.9	3.4
	Dec '99	6.9	9.8	8.9	6.0	3.4
	Mar '00	7.2	10.0	9.5	6.2	3.4
	Jun '00	7.0	9.9	9.2	6.0	3.4
	Sep '00	6.8	9.9	8.5	5.8	3.4
	Dec '00	6.7	9.4	8.5	5.8	3.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

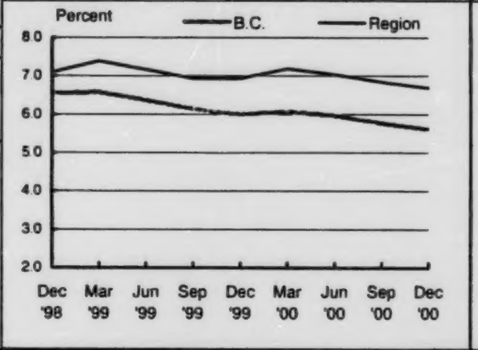
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.4	3.5	1.7	Sep '98
5.0	5.8	5.5	2.7	Dec '98
5.6	6.2	6.1	2.9	Mar '99
3.6	3.8	4.0	1.9	Jun '99
3.6	3.3	4.0	1.9	Sep '99
4.4	4.8	4.9	2.5	Dec '99
5.0	5.4	5.5	2.8	Mar '00
3.2	3.5	3.6	1.8	Jun '00
2.8	2.9	3.1	1.4	Sep '00
4.7	5.1	5.1	2.7	Dec '00

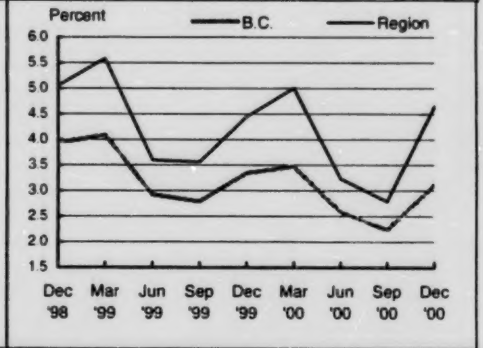
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	26,990	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.4	41.2
1-2 Years	18.1	17.8
>2 Years	34.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

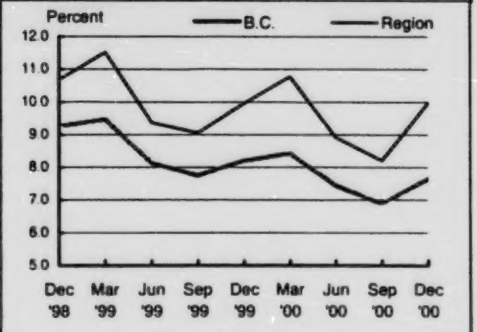
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Dec '98	10.7	13.9	11.3	5.7
	Mar '99	11.5	15.2	12.2	5.9
	Jun '99	9.4	12.4	9.9	4.8
	Sep '99	9.1	11.4	9.7	4.7
	Dec '99	10.0	13.1	10.5	5.4
	Mar '00	10.8	14.5	11.3	5.8
	Jun '00	8.9	12.3	9.3	4.7
	Sep '00	8.2	11.1	8.7	4.2
	Dec '00	10.0	13.1	10.5	5.4

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region experienced net outflows of migrants during the mid-eighties, probably due to the downturn in the forest sector at that time. Since then, net migration to the region has been high, contributing to strong population growth for the region. The median age of the population in this region is significantly higher than the provincial median, probably due to the substantial number of retirees located in the region. The proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also significantly higher than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The high net migration inflows to this region will likely begin to taper off somewhat, but should remain fairly strong throughout the projection period. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is falling, and will continue to fall, likely becoming negative in about 10 years. However, the strong inflows of migrants will more than compensate for any losses due to natural increase and this region will continue to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

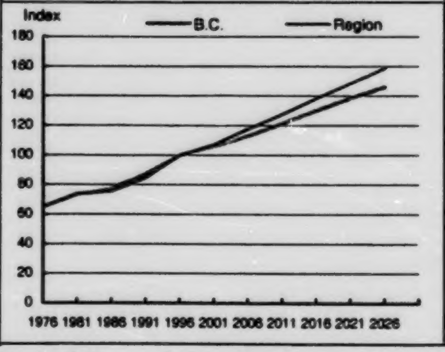
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	22.0	75.9	37.7	79.5	59.9	29.4	304.4	98.8	0.553	0.166	0.719	1976
1981	24.2	73.1	43.1	98.4	68.9	39.6	347.3	123.3	0.463	0.188	0.651	1981
1986	23.7	66.7	36.1	103.9	74.4	49.2	353.9	135.9	0.422	0.229	0.651	1986
1991	25.2	71.2	33.4	118.6	85.8	61.9	396.1	152.3	0.405	0.261	0.666	1991
1996	27.4	83.4	39.4	137.0	106.7	74.6	468.6	184.1	0.391	0.263	0.655	1996
2001	23.3	84.7	46.1	136.7	126.1	85.4	502.2	207.2	0.350	0.276	0.626	2001
2006	26.0	81.9	50.5	144.2	152.8	96.1	551.5	240.3	0.310	0.277	0.587	2006
2011	28.5	81.3	51.0	154.5	175.1	107.7	598.2	270.8	0.289	0.283	0.571	2011
2016	30.6	86.0	50.2	169.1	186.9	125.5	648.2	300.2	0.287	0.309	0.596	2016
2021	31.5	93.7	48.6	181.4	195.0	146.8	696.9	324.6	0.294	0.345	0.640	2021
2026	32.0	98.7	53.5	184.5	204.0	171.0	743.7	350.2	0.296	0.387	0.682	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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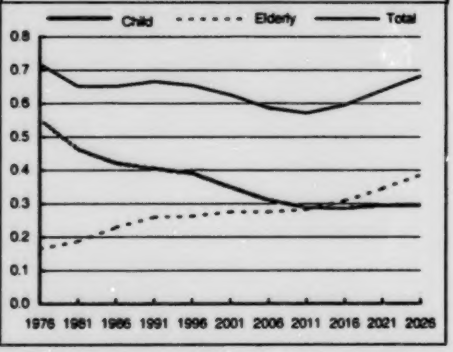

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Kootenay
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1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay-Boundary

Mining and forestry are the main economic drivers in this region. The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry with five major coal mines located there. The Sullivan lead-zinc mine is another major mine in the region. The Cominco Smelter at Trail is a major employer in that area and construction related to hydroelectric projects is another important source of employment.

There are major hydroelectric projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost the employment base for this region. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and the Keenleyside and Brilliant dams are also set to be upgraded and expanded. Another major development that will affect this region is the impending shutdown of the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley. Restructuring of some of the coal mines as they begin to face depletion of reserves could also have a negative effect on the region over the long-term, although the area has good potential for new discoveries. Tourism development, especially in Kimberley and Fernie, is supplementing mining as an important economic driver in this region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,617	5,810	409	166	40	6,425	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	343	537	28	12	0	577	9.0%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	28	31	3	1	5	40	0.6%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	8	16	2	0	1	19	0.3%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	678	716	25	11	2	754	11.7%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	139	269	24	16	9	318	4.9%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	130	195	26	3	0	224	3.5%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	378	798	57	31	0	886	13.8%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	173	310	15	2	1	328	5.1%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	21	68	9	0	0	77	1.2%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	147	100	15	4	1	120	1.9%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	456	218	15	0	1	234	3.6%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	314	444	5	2	0	451	7.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	152	67	3	1	0	71	1.1%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	119	232	11	1	0	244	3.8%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	22	48	3	5	9	65	1.0%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	25	436	44	31	7	518	8.1%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	60	174	14	11	1	200	3.1%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	150	552	91	23	2	668	10.4%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	273	527	14	1	1	543	8.5%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	1	72	5	11	0	88	1.4%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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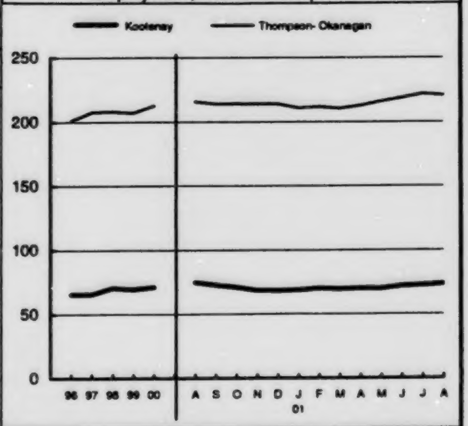
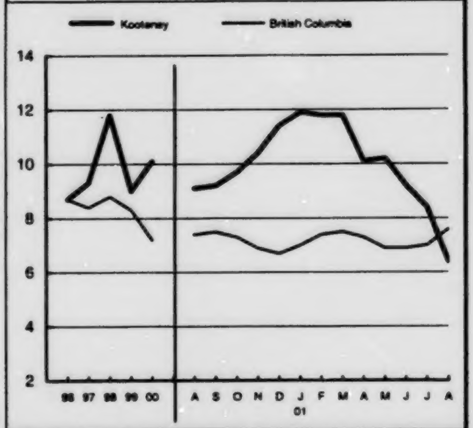
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	67.4	9.6	204.1	9.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	68.5	10.1	204.9	9.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	69.6	10.1	206.0	10.3	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	70.5	11.1	207.6	11.4	1,919.7	7.4
	May	71.8	10.8	212.8	10.9	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	73.7	9.9	216.7	9.8	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	74.7	9.5	219.0	8.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	74.8	9.1	215.8	8.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	72.8	9.2	214.1	8.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	71.0	9.7	214.2	8.4	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	68.7	10.4	213.9	8.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	68.5	11.4	213.9	8.0	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	69.9	10.2	216.0	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	72.0	9.2	218.7	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	72.6	8.4	221.8	9.2	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	73.7	6.4	220.7	10.3	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	72.3	9.9	212.0	9.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	71.6	9.2	216.4	9.6	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-1.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



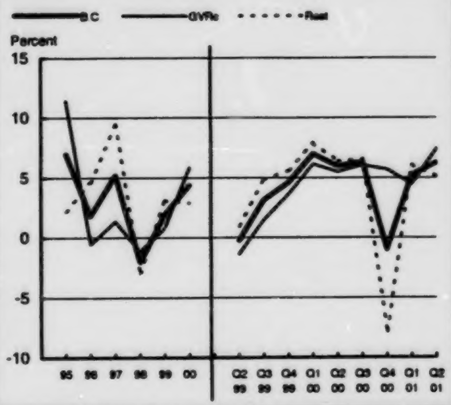
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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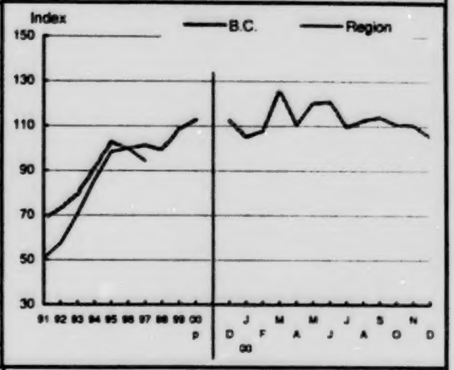
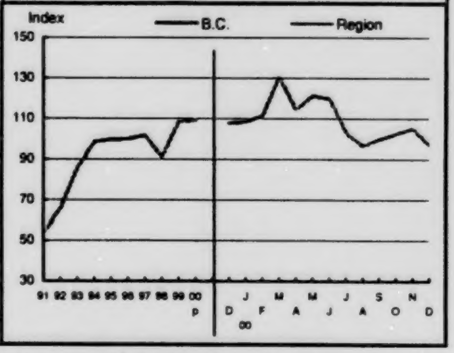
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	3	2
25	Wood	40	39	38	42	42
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	28	26	26	26	26
30	Metal Fabricating	7	7	9	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	91	90	102	113	108
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	736.4	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,145.1	1,393.0	1,601.6	1,626.4	1,535.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,642	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,509	6,778	6,558	6,582	6,590
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	122.5	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	291.1	308.0	325.6	324.1	352.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

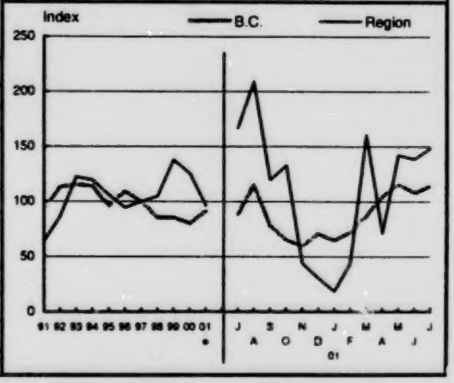


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	213.1	56.0	7.6	31.0	17.5	157.1	1,558
1995	188.9	66.8	13.8	23.8	29.2	122.1	1,222
1996	168.5	52.4	8.9	37.2	6.3	116.1	1,231
1997	178.3	59.8	8.9	29.6	21.4	118.4	1,073
1998	186.9	55.3	7.0	34.8	13.6	131.6	1,252
1999	246.0	97.9	18.0	63.2	16.6	148.1	1,311
2000	223.6	89.9	27.7	44.2	18.0	133.7	1,052
2001 e	171.9	65.3	11.9	12.7	40.7	106.5	737
Jul '00	143.9	63.3	23.2	32.2	7.9	80.5	637
Jul '01	107.6	44.6	5.2	9.0	30.4	63.0	442

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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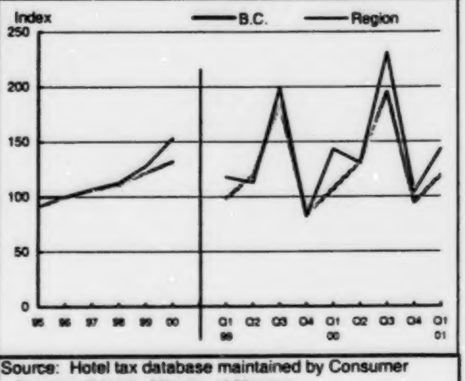
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay Dev. Region	1997	44,803.1	9,344.8	10,934.4	17,620.4	6,903.6
	1998	47,223.1	10,504.0	10,765.2	18,501.9	7,452.0
	1999	53,603.2	12,340.3	11,832.5	20,830.8	8,599.6
	2000	63,796.5	15,005.6	13,705.9	24,165.5	10,919.5
	2001	15,015.4	15,015.4			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Kootenay 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	64,212.7	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	8,640.2	13.5%
Hotels	26,433.5	41.2%			
76+ Rooms	11,219.2	17.5%			
1-75 Rooms	15,214.3	23.7%			
Motels	21,483.7	33.5%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

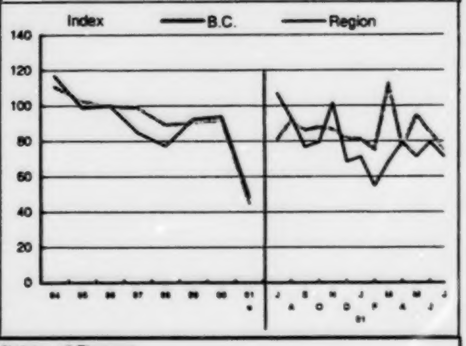


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	512
1995	432
1996	438
1997	372
1998	338
1999	405
2000	412
2001 e	213
Jan-Jul 00	259
Jan-Jul 01	181

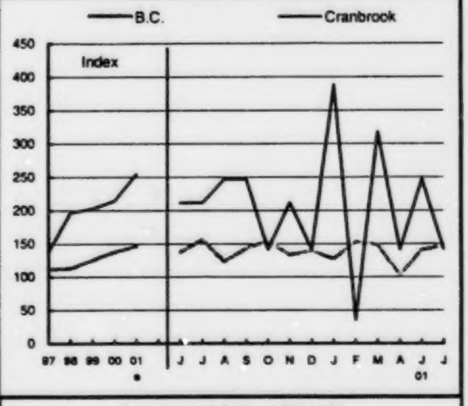
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



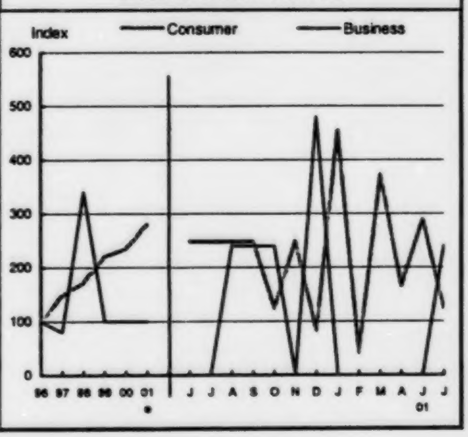
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	29	5	472	99	6436	948
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	82	5	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	35	3	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	42	3	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Sep '98	7.0	9.9	9.0	5.8	3.6
	Dec '98	6.8	9.3	9.2	5.8	3.3
	Mar '99	7.0	9.7	9.2	6.0	3.3
	Jun '99	6.9	9.9	8.7	5.8	3.3
	Sep '99	6.5	9.5	7.6	5.5	3.3
	Dec '99	6.2	8.8	7.6	5.3	3.3
	Mar '00	6.4	9.1	8.1	5.5	3.3
	Jun '00	6.4	9.3	7.5	5.4	3.3
	Sep '00	6.1	9.0	7.1	5.1	3.3
	Dec '00	5.9	8.3	7.4	5.0	3.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

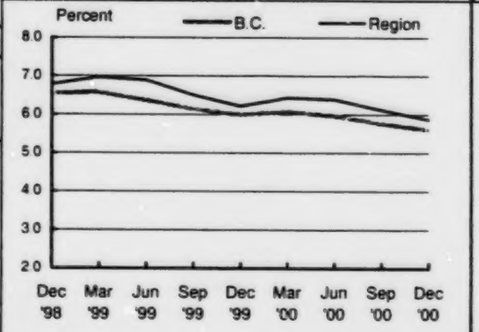
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.9	3.1	3.3	1.2	Sep '98
4.9	6.6	5.3	2.1	Dec '98
5.5	7.5	5.9	2.5	Mar '99
3.3	3.9	3.6	1.4	Jun '99
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.2	Sep '99
4.1	5.4	4.4	1.8	Dec '99
4.6	5.7	5.1	2.0	Mar '00
2.9	3.1	3.3	1.3	Jun '00
2.5	2.7	2.7	1.0	Sep '00
4.2	5.0	4.6	1.9	Dec '00

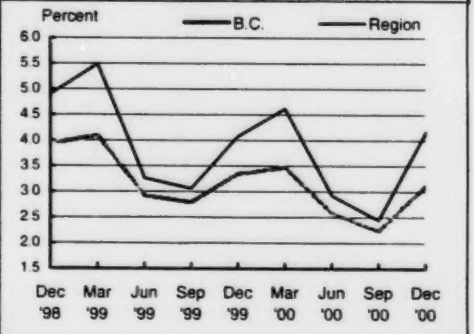
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,882	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.4	41.2
1-2 Years	17.3	17.8
>2 Years	34.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

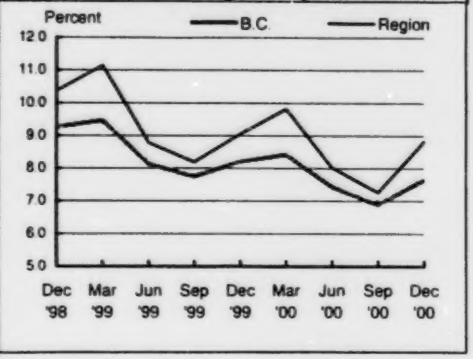
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Dec '98	10.4	15.2	10.8	5.1
	Mar '99	11.1	16.3	11.6	5.4
	Jun '99	8.8	12.4	9.2	4.2
	Sep '99	8.2	10.6	8.8	3.9
	Dec '99	9.1	12.6	9.5	4.5
	Mar '00	9.8	13.5	10.4	4.7
	Jun '00	8.0	10.4	8.6	4.0
	Sep '00	7.3	9.6	7.7	3.8
	Dec '00	8.8	9.8	9.3	4.5

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated jobs in the resource sectors is likely the reason for a gender ratio weighted in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Cutbacks in the mining sector and the mobility of construction workers have resulted in an age structure that is significantly different than the provincial average. Those workers who move are more likely to be young and single, leaving behind more mature couples with families. As a result, there is a significantly higher proportion of children in the regional population compared to the province as a whole, and the median age is higher than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., excess of births over deaths) for this region will likely become negative within 15 years, but the strong net migration will ensure continued population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

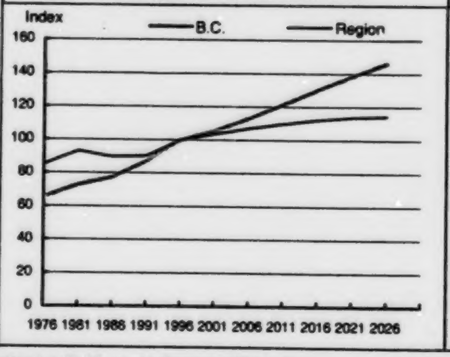
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	10.0	32.0	16.6	33.8	26.3	11.7	130.3	42.6	0.547	0.152	0.699	1976
1981	10.9	30.5	18.0	42.2	26.6	14.5	142.7	50.5	0.476	0.166	0.643	1981
1986	10.2	27.6	13.1	42.6	27.0	16.7	137.2	52.1	0.457	0.202	0.659	1986
1991	9.1	26.8	11.7	43.2	28.7	18.7	138.1	53.6	0.429	0.223	0.653	1991
1996	8.9	29.2	12.7	45.5	35.9	20.9	153.1	60.8	0.404	0.222	0.627	1996
2001	7.0	27.5	15.8	41.9	43.0	23.1	158.5	64.9	0.343	0.229	0.573	2001
2006	7.6	24.0	16.1	40.8	49.7	25.6	163.8	72.4	0.296	0.240	0.536	2006
2011	8.0	21.7	14.7	41.8	53.2	28.4	167.9	78.0	0.271	0.259	0.530	2011
2016	8.0	21.7	12.7	43.9	51.6	33.9	171.8	82.4	0.275	0.314	0.589	2016
2021	7.5	22.6	11.0	45.1	48.0	40.1	174.2	84.2	0.289	0.385	0.674	2021
2026	6.9	22.4	11.7	41.9	46.6	45.6	175.1	86.1	0.292	0.455	0.747	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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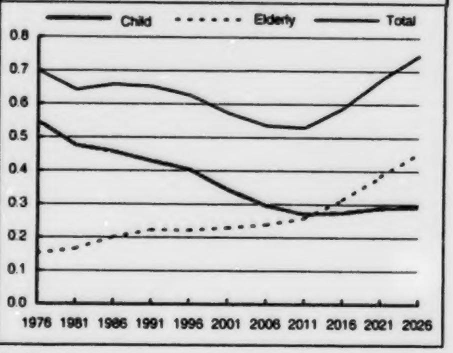


Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Cariboo
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, agriculture and mining also play significant roles in the economy. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy. The agriculture sector is comprised primarily of cattle ranching and mixed farming activities. There is currently one major mine operating in the region and the potential exists for new ones to come on line within the next couple of years. Two mines have closed in the last couple of years due to low metal prices.

Developments in the forest sector will likely drive growth in this region in the future. The region is home to a large number of pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to the region is sustained if it is to maintain its job base in the forest sector. There have been some mill closures over the last year that have had significant employment impacts.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 **New!**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,123	6,213	523	208	46	6,990	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	977	1,010	73	25	1	1,109	15.9%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	14	13	2	1	0	16	0.2%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	6	6	1	0	0	7	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	823	807	43	21	0	871	12.5%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	148	236	36	30	23	325	4.6%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	174	215	34	5	0	254	3.6%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	315	671	61	35	4	771	11.0%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	523	563	17	13	1	594	8.5%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	30	39	6	4	0	49	0.7%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	174	116	18	5	0	139	2.0%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	636	215	10	4	1	230	3.3%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	333	467	19	6	0	492	7.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	198	94	8	3	0	105	1.5%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	160	214	18	6	1	239	3.4%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	20	37	3	0	5	45	0.6%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	41	419	45	14	5	483	6.9%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	48	100	7	2	1	110	1.6%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	178	382	92	25	2	501	7.2%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	325	581	18	3	0	602	8.6%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		28	12	6	2	48	0.7%	0.5%	815

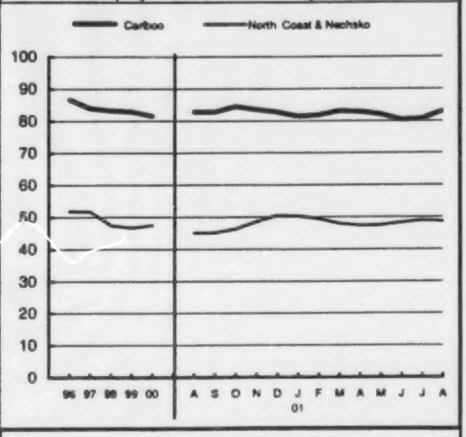
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Cariboo
Development Region

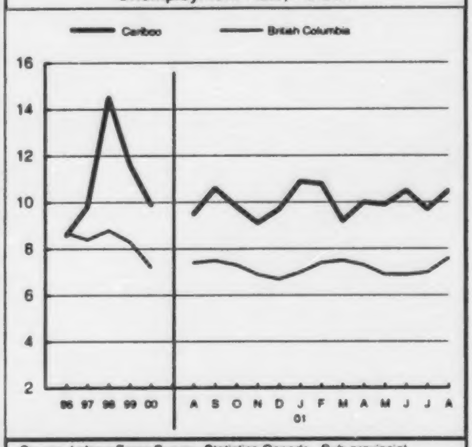
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	81.9	8.1	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	81.0	8.4	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	80.1	9.7	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	78.2	11.3	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	78.7	11.2	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	80.2	9.7	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	82.1	8.6	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	82.8	9.5	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	82.8	10.6	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	84.5	9.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	83.6	9.1	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	82.8	9.7	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	82.1	9.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	80.4	10.5	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	80.7	9.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	83.0	10.5	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	80.7	9.9	46.6	9.5	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	82.4	10.1	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.1		3.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



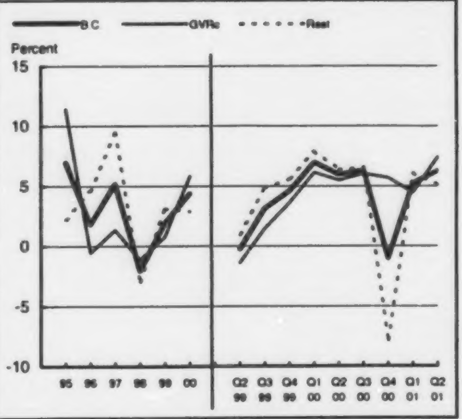
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
Quarterly data	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

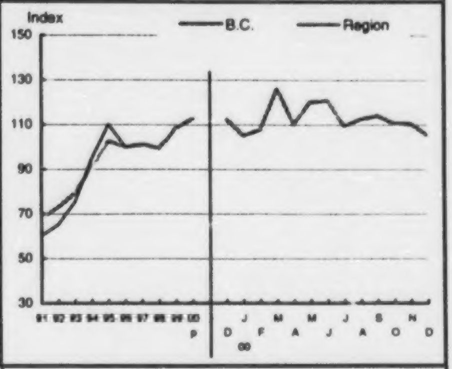


Cariboo
Development Region

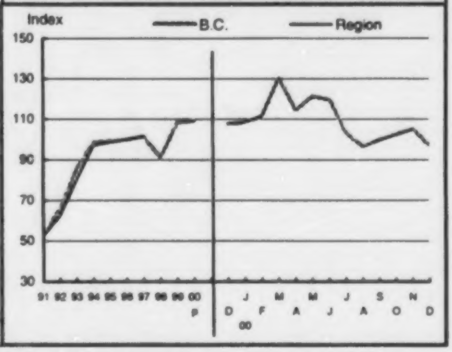
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	4	4	4	4
25	Wood	64	62	67	76	75
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	43	46	52	51
30	Metal Fabricating	24	23	23	26	27
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	158	151	162	187	182
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,012.4	2,435.1	2,474.6	2,507.4	2,542.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,155.5	2,112.5	2,164.5	2,224.6
30	Metal Fabricating	30.8	**	**	**	60.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,965.1	3,731.5	4,327.8	3,929.0	3,958.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	7,931	8,248	8,042	7,596	7,788
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	6,781	6,398	6,006	6,091
30	Metal Fabricating	274	**	**	**	519
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11,928	12,494	12,343	11,899	12,415
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	353.0	384.1	405.4	394.2	402.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	324.4	327.1	315.7	324.6
30	Metal Fabricating	9.9	**	**	**	20.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	542.2	604.2	639.3	632.1	652.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

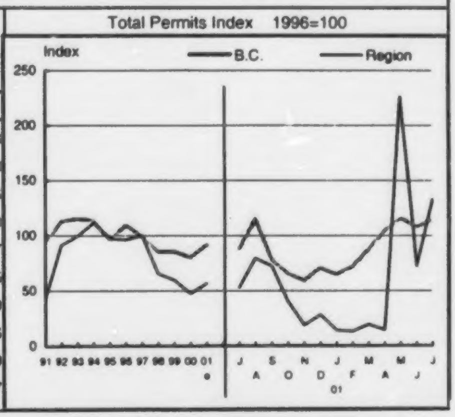
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	238.0	101.2	18.7	27.3	55.1	136.8	1,333
1995	207.9	87.4	27.3	39.7	20.5	120.5	1,113
1996	204.8	62.5	20.9	28.3	13.4	142.2	1,356
1997	212.7	95.1	8.1	65.3	21.7	117.6	1,068
1998	139.6	52.0	9.3	24.9	17.8	87.6	787
1999	127.2	62.5	12.1	17.5	32.8	64.8	485
2000	101.5	59.8	7.5	22.3	29.9	41.7	259
2001 e	121.1	87.3	3.1	22.7	61.5	33.8	166
Jul '00	59.0	33.2	6.4	10.2	16.6	25.8	169
Jul '01	87.5	66.6	2.8	14.5	49.4	20.9	107

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Cariboo
Development Region

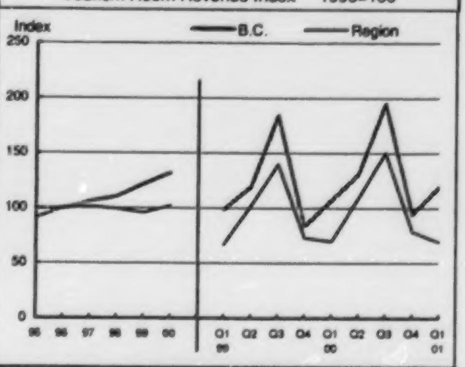
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Dev. Region	1997	43,225.1	7,402.6	11,643.2	15,784.3	8,395.1
	1998	42,381.2	7,813.1	11,682.3	15,333.0	7,552.9
	1999	40,788.2	7,169.2	10,906.7	14,898.2	7,814.0
	2000	43,546.0	7,462.7	11,648.4	16,033.3	8,401.6
	2001	7,410.5	7,410.5			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Cariboo 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	43,498.5	100.0%	Motels	15,433.6	35.5%
Fishing lodges	1,130.7	2.6%	Vacation Rentals	1,218.2	2.8%
Hotels	23,850.6	54.8%	Miscellaneous	1,865.3	4.3%
76+ Rooms	14,678.5	33.7%			
1-75 Rooms	9,172.1	21.1%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

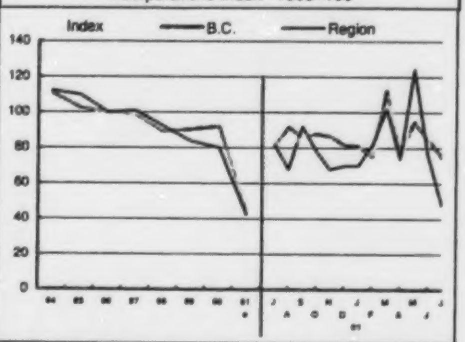


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	673
1995	660
1996	600
1997	607
1998	553
1999	502
2000	481
2001 e	255
Jan-Jul 00	293
Jan-Jul 01	288

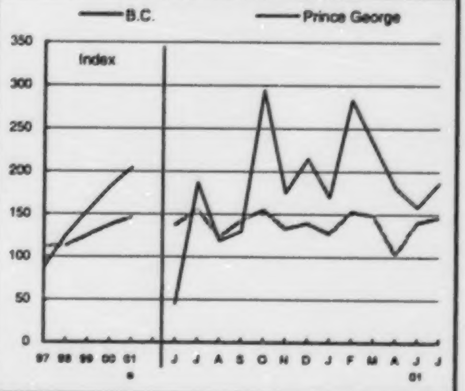
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



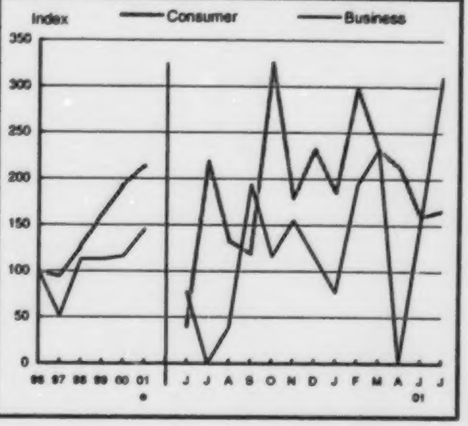
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	181	31	62	17	40	18
1997	170	16	71	18	51	13
1998	230	35	76	20	63	11
1999	291	35	122	12	69	8
2000	350	36	122	10	81	7
2001 e	388	45	116	14	93	4
Jan-Jun 00	148	16	64	5	40	4
Jan-Jun 01	164	20	61	7	46	2

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Sep '98	8.4	11.5	10.7	6.7	4.4
	Dec '98	8.2	10.8	11.5	6.8	4.1
	Mar '99	8.4	11.1	11.8	7.0	4.1
	Jun '99	8.6	11.4	12.1	7.1	4.1
	Sep '99	8.0	10.9	10.7	6.5	4.1
	Dec '99	7.9	10.4	11.0	6.5	4.1
	Mar '00	8.0	10.4	11.4	6.6	4.1
	Jun '00	8.2	10.7	11.8	6.7	4.1
	Sep '00	7.8	10.5	11.3	6.2	4.1
	Dec '00	7.5	9.9	10.9	6.1	4.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

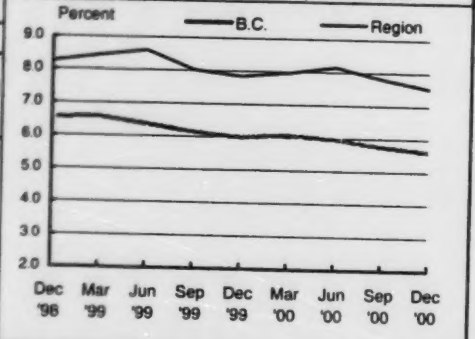
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	—	
3.9	4.5	4.1	2.2		Sep '98
5.0	6.1	5.2	2.7		Dec '98
5.9	7.1	6.2	3.3		Mar '99
4.8	5.0	5.1	2.7		Jun '99
4.2	4.3	4.4	2.4		Sep '99
4.2	4.8	4.5	2.5		Dec '99
4.7	5.4	4.9	2.9		Mar '00
4.1	3.9	4.4	2.9		Jun '00
3.1	3.2	3.3	1.9		Sep '00
4.0	4.6	4.1	2.5		Dec '00

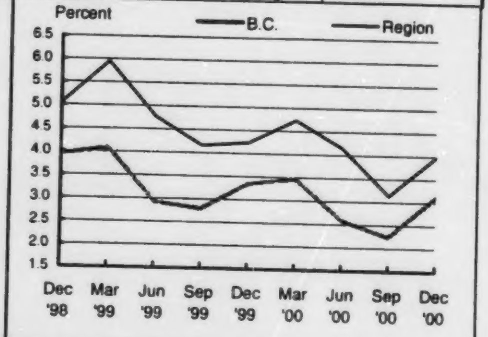
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	12,328	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.3	41.2
1-2 Years	19.0	17.8
>2 Years	35.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

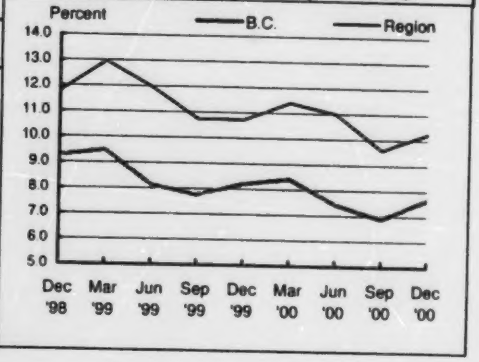
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Dec '98	11.8	17.0	11.7	6.9
	Mar '99	13.0	18.3	12.9	7.4
	Jun '99	12.0	16.7	12.0	7.0
	Sep '99	10.7	14.7	10.8	6.4
	Dec '99	10.7	15.4	10.7	6.3
	Mar '00	11.4	16.5	11.3	6.9
	Jun '00	11.0	15.4	10.9	7.0
	Sep '00	9.6	14.2	9.4	5.8
	Dec '00	10.3	15.5	10.0	6.5

*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Cariboo

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13 Demographics

The reliance on the male-dominated employment of the forest sector is likely the explanation for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The median age of the population is substantially lower than the provincial median and this is reflected in a higher proportion of children in the population and a lower proportion of elderly.

14 Projection

This region should continue to receive net inflows of migrants over the projection period, but it is the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) that will really drive population growth in this region. The combination of a high natural increase and positive net migration will result in strong population growth for this region over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

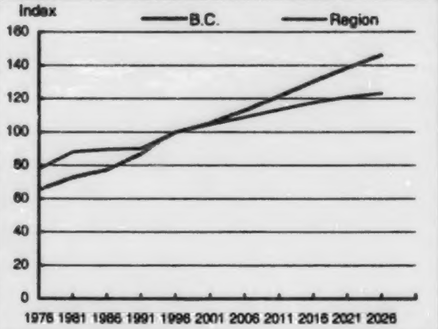
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	13.4	38.0	18.9	41.5	18.5	4.3	134.6	38.9	0.651	0.054	0.705	1976
1981	14.7	37.4	22.3	51.0	21.8	5.5	152.7	48.0	0.548	0.058	0.606	1981
1986	13.8	35.9	18.6	54.3	25.3	7.2	155.0	52.0	0.506	0.073	0.579	1986
1991	12.6	34.8	15.7	54.8	28.9	9.3	156.2	53.9	0.476	0.093	0.570	1991
1996	12.3	36.9	17.6	58.7	36.0	11.6	173.2	61.6	0.439	0.104	0.542	1996
2001	10.3	36.3	19.3	56.5	44.5	14.4	181.3	68.3	0.387	0.120	0.507	2001
2006	10.4	32.4	20.0	55.5	52.8	17.4	188.6	75.9	0.334	0.135	0.470	2006
2011	10.8	29.7	19.3	56.4	58.4	21.6	196.3	83.2	0.303	0.161	0.464	2011
2016	10.9	29.2	17.5	58.6	59.5	27.8	203.6	89.1	0.296	0.205	0.501	2016
2021	10.6	30.3	15.3	60.3	58.2	34.7	209.4	92.4	0.305	0.259	0.565	2021
2026	10.0	30.2	16.0	57.8	57.9	41.4	213.3	95.3	0.305	0.314	0.619	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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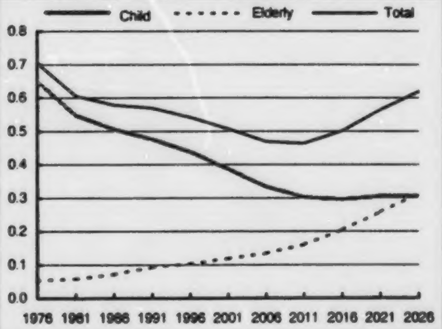

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

North Coast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Kitimat-Stikine

Forestry, mining, tourism and fishing are all important economic drivers in this region. There is currently only one major mine still operating in the region (Eskay Creek) as the Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999. However, there is potential for several other mineral projects. In addition, mineral processing at the Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat provides a significant amount of employment. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver area.

Major developments that will affect this region include the recent land claims settlement with the Nisga'a; the possibility of new mines opening in the near future; the possibility of further restrictions being imposed on the fishing industry in order to avoid depletion of salmon stocks; the possibility of a new aluminum smelter at Kitimat; and the recent threefold increase to the Allowable Annual Cut of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area in the north.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Coast								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,432	2,186	165	81	24	2,476	100.0%		100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	337	341	19	7	1	368	14.9%		5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	5	0	0	0	5	0.2%		0.5%	787
22	Utilities		6	1	2	0	9	0.4%		0.1%	165
23	Construction	198	239	10	5	0	254	10.3%		10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	29	80	10	10	5	105	4.2%		5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	45	72	6	3	0	81	3.3%		6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	117	262	29	14	1	306	12.4%		11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	150	176	7	3	4	190	7.7%		4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	7	18	5	4	0	27	1.1%		1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	50	31	6	2	0	39	1.6%		3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	145	72	3	2	0	77	3.1%		4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	94	142	9	1	0	152	6.1%		11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	48	21	1	1	1	24	1.0%		2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	61	108	4	1	0	113	4.6%		4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	4	15	3	0	7	25	1.0%		1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	11	163	17	11	3	194	7.8%		8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	17	45	6	0	0	51	2.1%		1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	43	153	33	6	0	192	7.8%		7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	75	215	4	1	0	220	8.9%		7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		22	12	8	2	44	1.8%		0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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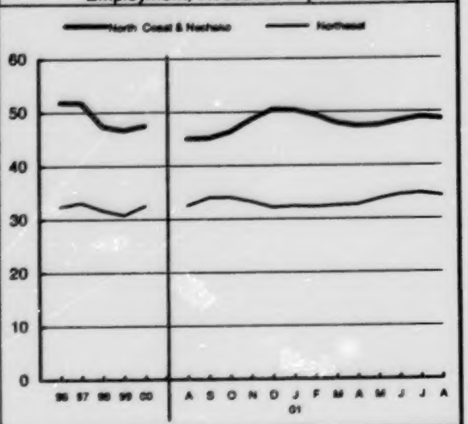
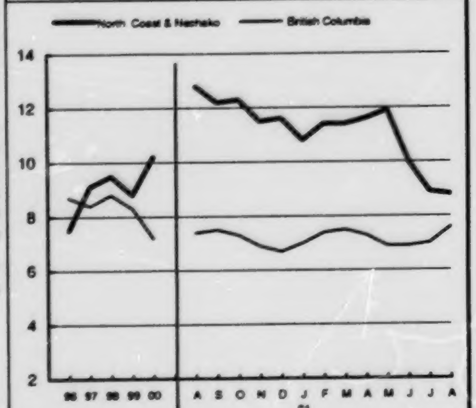
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	31.7	4.0	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	31.9	7.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	32.2	5.6	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	33.0	3.5	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	32.2	3.9	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	31.3	5.4	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	30.8	7.5	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	31.0	9.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	32.6	8.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	34.0	7.1	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	34.1	5.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	33.3	5.7	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	32.2	5.8	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	4.2	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	33.7	5.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	34.5	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	34.8	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	34.3	7.0	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	46.6	9.5	32.2	6.3	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	33.6	5.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	3.3		4.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



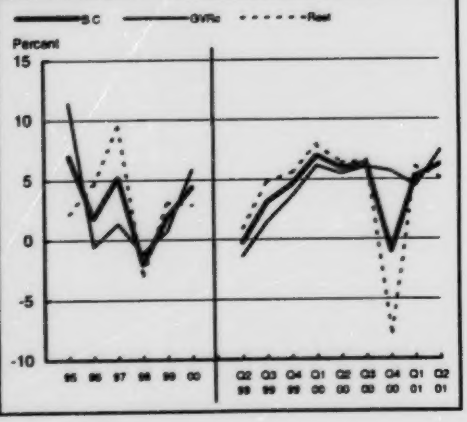
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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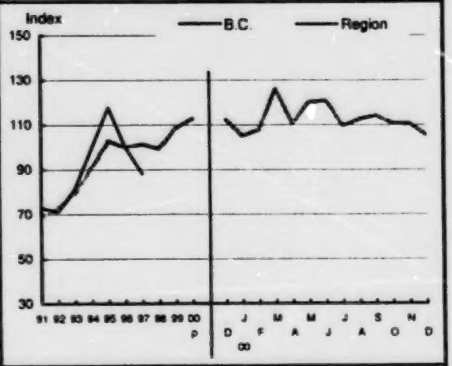
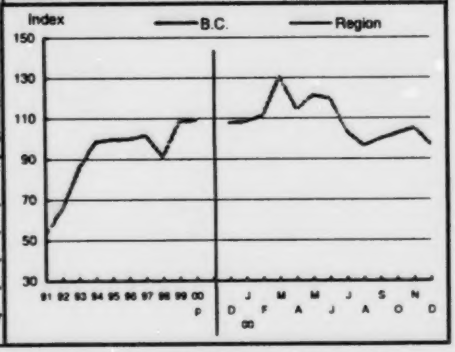
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	8	8	10	14	13
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	6	7	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	6	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	35	44	55	51
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	9.0	8.1	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,289.9	**	1,860.9	1,581.1	1,391.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	23	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	65	57	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,264	**	5,005	5,718	5,016
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.8	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	1.8	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	272.1	**	265.5	268.0	240.7

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

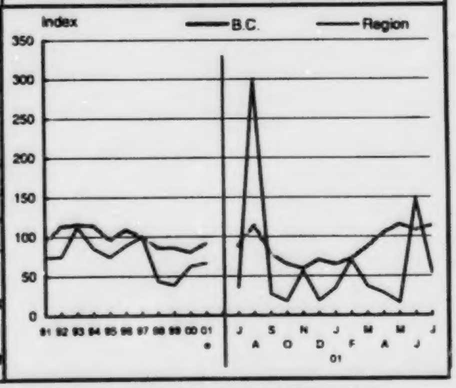


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	47.6	24.8	9.3	6.4	9.1	22.8	174
1995	41.4	16.2	3.9	10.2	2.1	25.2	174
1996	49.4	20.5	7.3	10.7	2.5	28.9	210
1997	55.6	32.9	18.9	12.3	1.7	22.7	148
1998	24.4	12.1	5.3	4.6	2.3	12.3	60
1999	21.5	12.2	3.9	4.7	3.6	9.2	44
2000	34.7	26.6	0.6	4.7	21.3	8.1	31
2001 e	36.8	30.4	1.7	7.0	21.7	6.4	13
Jul '00	15.2	10.5	0.4	2.8	7.3	4.7	21
Jul '01	18.0	14.2	1.3	4.9	8.0	3.8	9

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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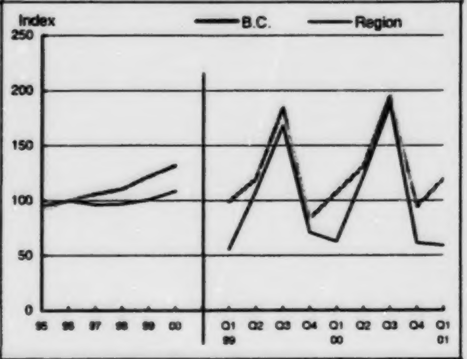
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Coast Dev. Region	1997	17,799.8	2,834.5	4,892.3	6,972.3	3,100.7
	1998	17,923.4	2,687.1	5,006.4	7,232.4	2,997.6
	1999	18,651.3	2,568.6	5,015.9	7,769.9	3,296.9
	2000	20,071.9	2,913.2	5,647.3	8,650.8	2,860.5
	2001	2,731.9	2,731.9			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,208,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

North Coast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	20,076.9	100.0%
Hotels	10,034.2	50.0%
Motels	7,126.1	35.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

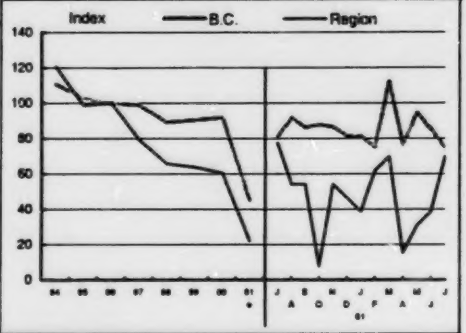


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	187
1995	153
1996	155
1997	123
1998	102
1999	99
2000	94
2001 e	34
Jan-Jul 00	66
Jan-Jul 01	42

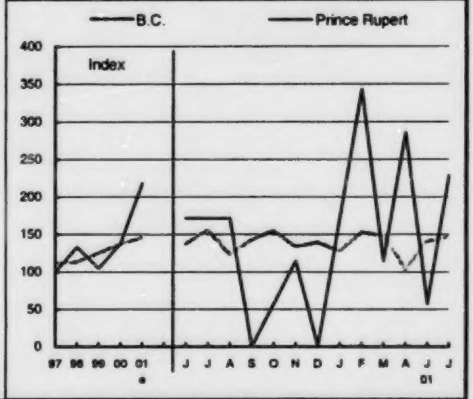
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



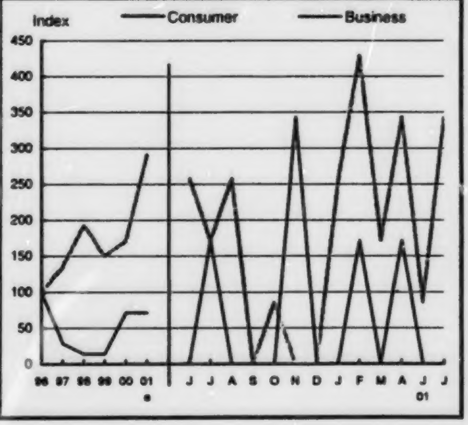
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	14	7	19	4	17	2
1997	19	2	25	8	10	1
1998	27	1	24	5	6	1
1999	21	1	43	7	21	0
2000	24	5	38	4	27	0
2001 e	41	5	34	16	54	0
Jan-Jun 00	10	1	19	1	8	0
Jan-Jun 01	17	1	17	4	16	0

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

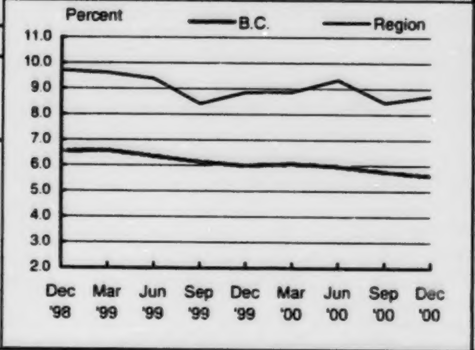
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '98	9.5	12.2	15.4	7.4	4.5
	Dec '98	9.7	12.0	15.6	7.9	4.2
	Mar '99	9.6	11.9	15.8	7.8	4.0
	Jun '99	9.4	11.8	14.3	7.7	4.0
	Sep '99	8.4	11.0	12.3	6.7	4.0
	Dec '99	8.9	11.3	13.4	7.2	4.0
	Mar '00	8.9	11.3	13.5	7.2	4.0
	Jun '00	9.3	12.3	13.9	7.4	4.0
	Sep '00	8.5	11.4	12.4	6.5	4.0
	Dec '00	8.7	11.2	13.2	7.0	4.0

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	5,068	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.8	41.2
1-2 Years	17.5	17.8
>2 Years	31.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



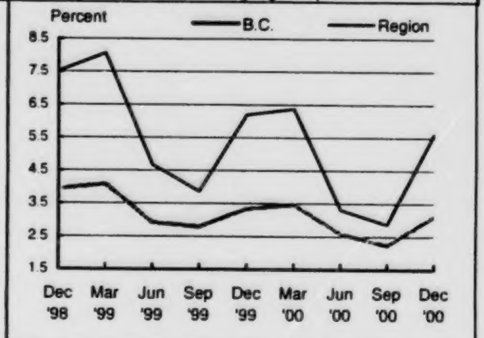
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.2	3.6	4.5	3.3	Sep '98
7.5	6.5	7.9	6.0	Dec '98
8.1	7.5	8.5	5.8	Mar '99
4.7	3.8	5.1	3.1	Jun '99
3.9	3.0	4.2	2.5	Sep '99
6.2	4.7	6.7	5.1	Dec '99
6.4	4.9	6.8	5.2	Mar '00
3.3	2.7	3.6	2.3	Jun '00
2.9	2.1	3.2	2.0	Sep '00
5.6	4.2	5.9	5.5	Dec '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

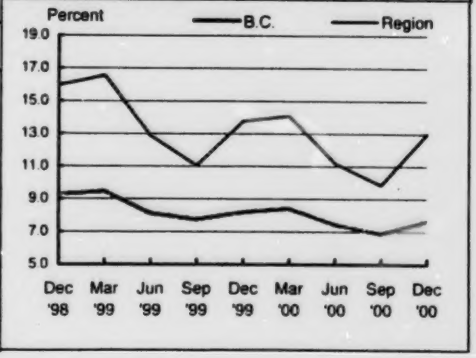
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Dec '98	16.0	21.7	15.7	11.3
	Mar '99	16.6	23.2	16.2	11.0
	Jun '99	12.9	18.0	12.7	8.2
	Sep '99	11.1	15.3	10.9	7.2
	Dec '99	13.8	17.8	13.7	9.8
	Mar '00	14.1	18.3	14.0	9.8
	Jun '00	11.2	16.3	11.0	7.0
	Sep '00	9.9	14.4	9.5	6.8
	Dec '00	13.0	15.1	12.7	10.1

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



North Coast

Development Region

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Demographics

The median age of the population in this region is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately significantly more children and significantly less elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is substantially higher than the provincial rate, which partially contributes to the greater proportion of children. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated employment of the resource sectors, the gender ratio is significantly biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men.

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Projection

This region has tended to have more net migration outflows than inflows, but new economic opportunities that will be developing over the next couple of decades may reverse this trend and this area could experience small net inflows through most of the projection period. With the youthful population, the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will remain relatively high, which will result in steady population growth for this region.

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Selected Demographic Characteristics

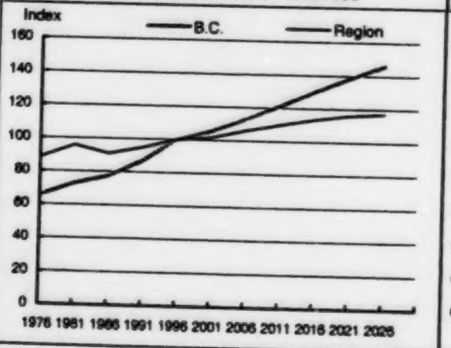
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	6.6	17.9	9.0	19.1	8.5	2.0	63.0	17.1	0.671	0.055	0.726	1976
1981	6.7	17.2	10.6	22.6	9.0	2.2	68.3	20.4	0.566	0.052	0.618	1981
1986	6.2	15.3	8.0	22.6	10.0	2.7	64.8	20.9	0.528	0.067	0.595	1986
1991	6.4	15.0	7.4	23.8	11.6	3.4	67.7	22.5	0.500	0.080	0.580	1991
1996	6.0	15.6	7.4	24.6	13.6	4.1	71.3	24.4	0.474	0.091	0.564	1996
2001	4.6	15.7	7.6	23.6	15.9	5.1	72.5	25.5	0.431	0.107	0.539	2001
2006	4.5	14.4	8.0	22.9	19.7	6.1	75.7	28.3	0.375	0.120	0.495	2006
2011	4.6	12.9	8.3	22.3	22.6	7.8	78.5	31.1	0.328	0.147	0.476	2011
2016	4.6	11.9	7.7	22.5	23.9	10.3	81.0	33.7	0.306	0.189	0.496	2016
2021	4.5	12.2	6.3	23.2	23.6	13.0	82.7	34.9	0.314	0.246	0.560	2021
2026	4.2	12.1	6.3	22.2	22.8	16.0	83.7	35.8	0.318	0.312	0.631	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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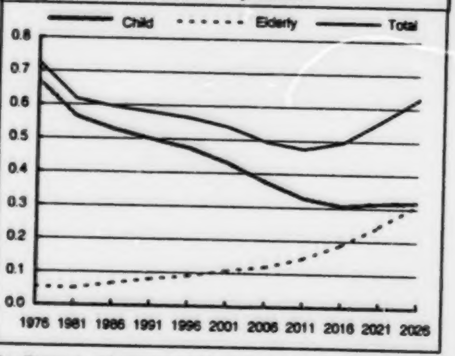

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Nechako
Development Region

General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Bulkley-Nechako, Stikine

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic drivers in this region. Several major mines in this region have shut down in recent years; however, there is a great deal of potential for other mineral deposits to be exploited and new mines may be constructed over the next few years. The Huckleberry Copper mine opened in 1997 and has an expected 16 year life.

A major development that could affect this region is the threefold increase to the Allowable Annual Cut of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area in the last AAC determination. If this timber is harvested to its potential, there is a likelihood that there will be significant migration inflows to the northern portion of the region, particularly if a large processing facility is built. Even in the absence of the processing facility, the road construction that would have to coincide with the harvesting would open up the area and increase the potential for new mines and new communities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,536	1,977	146	52	13	2,188	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	423	490	30	10	0	530	24.2%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	13	14	2	2	1	19	0.9%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	225	228	8	3	0	239	10.9%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	50	78	8	9	7	102	4.7%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	31	64	3	1	0	68	3.1%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	112	182	26	6	0	214	9.8%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	136	172	2	3	2	179	8.2%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	20	0	0	0	20	0.9%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	40	24	2	1	0	27	1.2%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	131	50	1	0	0	51	2.3%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	78	125	3	3	0	131	6.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	47	18	4	0	0	22	1.0%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	42	55	3	0	0	58	2.7%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	6	15	2	1	3	21	1.0%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	8	86	16	5	0	107	4.9%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	25	41	4	1	0	46	2.1%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	58	138	21	4	0	163	7.4%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	102	154	4	1	0	159	7.3%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		20	6	2	0	28	1.3%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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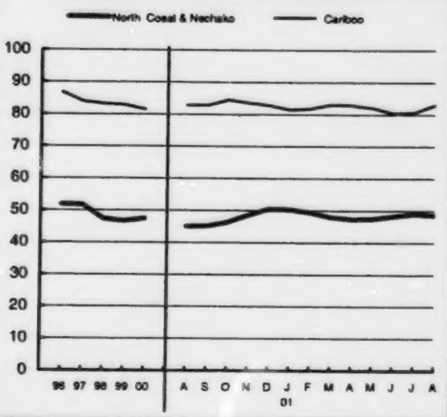
Development Region

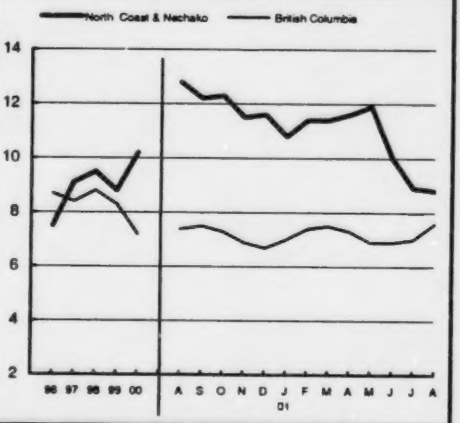
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	48.1	7.8	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	47.9	7.7	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	47.7	7.6	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	47.7	7.0	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
May	47.2	7.5	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	46.9	9.1	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	46.1	11.7	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	45.1	12.8	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	45.2	12.2	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	46.3	12.3	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	48.6	11.5	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	50.5	11.6	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
May	47.5	11.9	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
Jun	48.3	10.0	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
Jul	49.0	8.9	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
Aug	48.7	8.8	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Aug00	46.6	9.5	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
% Change	3.3		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



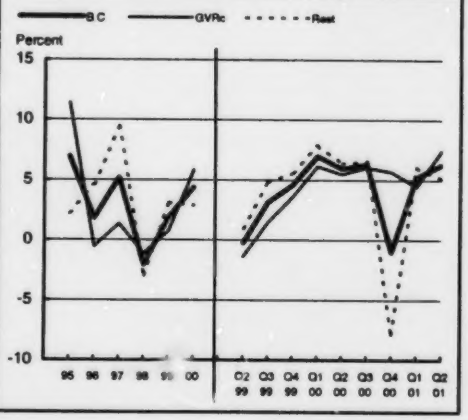
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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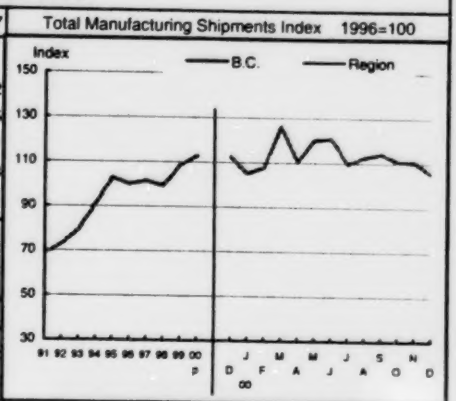
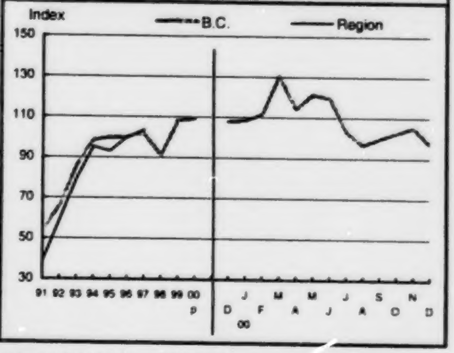
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	3	3	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35	37	40	43	41
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

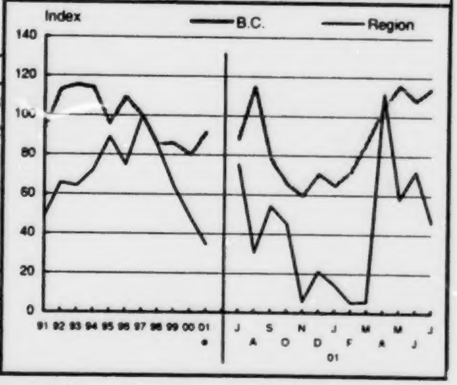


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	29.8	8.2	1.1	5.2	1.9	21.6	196
1995	36.8	15.2	2.6	6.3	6.4	21.6	212
1996	31.0	7.5	1.1	5.3	1.0	23.6	241
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	8.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	6.5	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.4	13.9	1.8	8.5	3.6	12.5	108
2000	20.1	10.2	1.9	5.4	3.0	9.8	75
2001 e	14.3	7.2	0.6	3.0	3.6	7.1	68
Jul '00	14.6	8.4	1.0	4.6	2.8	6.2	43
Jul '01	10.8	6.3	0.3	2.5	3.4	4.5	39

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Nechako
Development Region

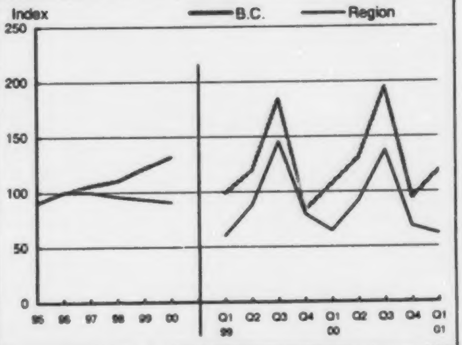
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nechako Dev. Region	1997	9,301.2	1,555.2	2,332.5	3,470.5	1,943.0
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	1,435.5	1,435.5			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Nechako 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,446.5	100.0%
Hotels	2,808.2	33.2%
Motels	4,404.5	52.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

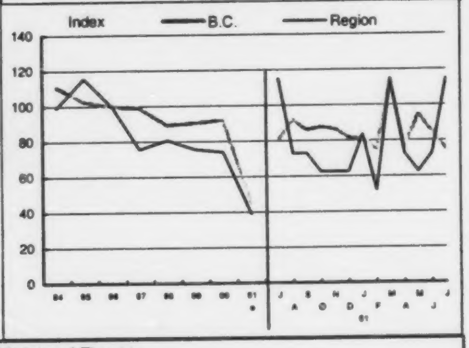


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	114
1995	133
1996	115
1997	87
1998	93
1999	87
2000	85
2001 e	45
Jan-Jul 00	53
Jan-Jul 01	55

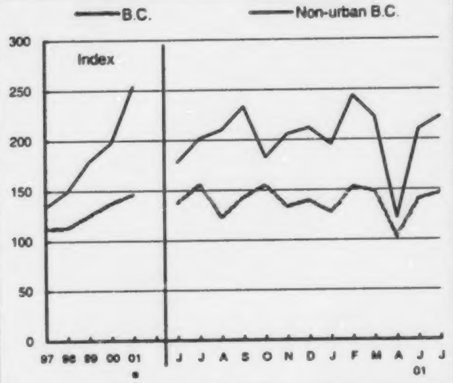
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



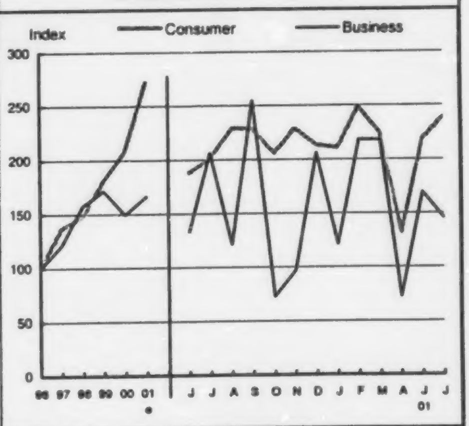
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	646	120	7,366	895		
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031		
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075		
2000	983	148	9,181	976		
2001 e	1,285	165	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Sep '98	5.6	7.5	7.5	4.4	3.1
	Dec '98	5.9	7.4	8.8	4.8	3.0
	Mar '99	5.9	7.6	8.6	4.7	3.1
	Jun '99	5.9	7.3	8.8	4.7	3.1
	Sep '99	5.6	7.1	8.2	4.4	3.1
	Dec '99	5.3	6.5	8.0	4.3	3.1
	Mar '00	5.4	6.7	8.1	4.4	3.1
	Jun '00	5.6	6.9	8.1	4.6	3.1
	Sep '00	5.3	6.6	7.6	4.4	3.1
	Dec '00	5.4	6.5	8.6	4.5	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

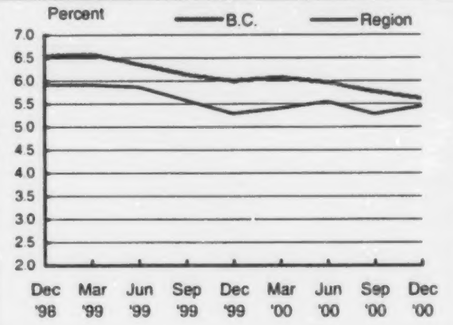
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.5	4.1	3.6	1.6	Sep '98
4.6	5.8	4.7	2.4	Dec '98
5.3	6.4	5.5	2.6	Mar '99
5.2	5.5	5.6	2.5	Jun '99
4.3	4.3	4.6	2.1	Sep '99
3.8	3.8	4.0	2.4	Dec '99
4.2	4.6	4.3	2.6	Mar '00
4.8	4.8	5.0	2.9	Jun '00
3.1	3.1	3.3	1.8	Sep '00
3.8	3.9	3.9	2.8	Dec '00

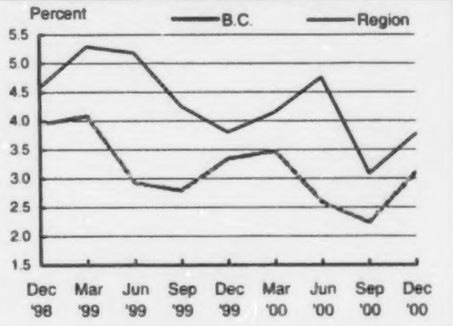
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,162	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.6	41.2
1-2 Years	16.0	17.8
>2 Years	29.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

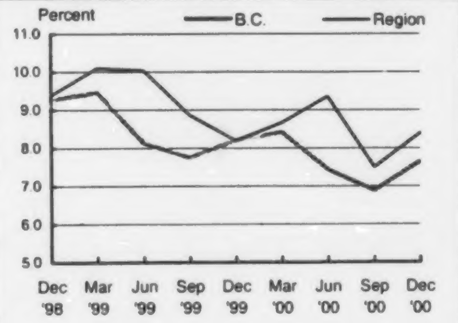
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Dec '98	9.4	13.9	9.1	6.0
	Mar '99	10.1	14.4	9.9	6.3
	Jun '99	10.0	13.8	10.0	6.1
	Sep '99	8.9	12.1	8.8	5.6
	Dec '99	8.2	11.3	8.0	5.8
	Mar '00	8.7	12.3	8.4	6.0
	Jun '00	9.4	12.4	9.3	6.1
	Sep '00	7.5	10.3	7.4	4.8
	Dec '00	8.4	11.2	8.1	5.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is substantially lower than the provincial median and the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also substantially higher in this region compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is one of the reasons for the youthful population, since it is also much higher than the provincial rate. The remoteness of a large portion of the region is likely another reason, since the elderly tend not to live in areas that are distant from medical facilities and other services. The gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economic activities in the region.

14 Projection

A large portion of this region is very sparsely populated, but the increase in the AAC of the Cassiar TSA could result in relatively significant growth for that area. Net migration to the area has often been negative in the past, but the region should experience small net inflows with the increasing economic possibilities. Combined with a positive natural increase (i.e. the excess of births over deaths), this should mean steady population growth for this region over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

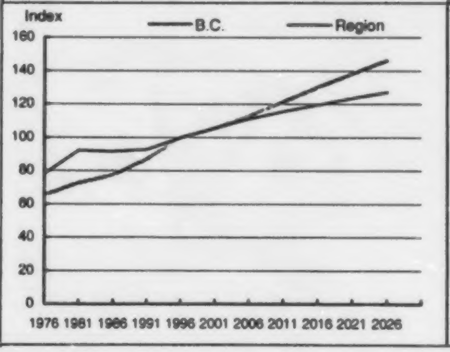
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.7	10.4	4.8	9.9	4.9	1.3	35.0	9.7	0.723	0.067	0.790	1976
1981	4.5	10.6	6.2	13.0	5.5	1.6	41.4	12.5	0.613	0.066	0.678	1981
1986	4.2	10.1	4.7	13.8	6.1	2.0	41.0	13.1	0.583	0.080	0.662	1986
1991	3.8	10.1	4.2	14.3	6.9	2.4	41.6	13.8	0.547	0.094	0.641	1991
1996	3.8	10.2	4.6	14.9	8.4	3.0	44.8	15.4	0.499	0.109	0.608	1996
2001	3.3	10.1	5.2	14.7	10.6	3.6	47.4	16.7	0.439	0.119	0.557	2001
2006	3.3	9.5	5.3	14.4	12.9	4.4	49.8	18.7	0.392	0.135	0.527	2006
2011	3.3	8.9	5.2	14.3	14.7	5.4	51.8	20.3	0.357	0.159	0.516	2011
2016	3.2	8.6	5.0	14.4	15.4	6.9	53.6	21.8	0.339	0.197	0.537	2016
2021	3.2	8.7	4.5	15.2	15.1	8.8	55.4	22.9	0.344	0.253	0.597	2021
2026	3.2	8.7	4.6	15.0	14.8	10.7	57.0	23.5	0.346	0.312	0.659	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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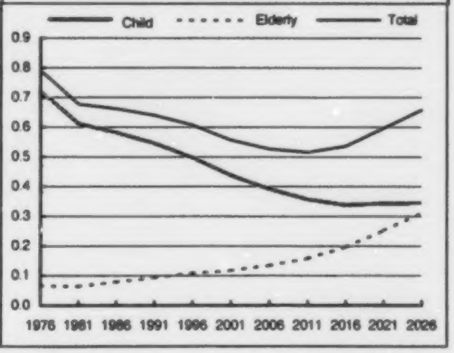

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Northeast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Peace River, Northern Rockies

The economy of this region is fairly diversified, with coal mining, oil and gas exploration, forestry, tourism and agriculture all having significant impacts on the economy. The north-eastern region of the province is a significant producer of oil and gas, and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a significant number of people. There are two major coal mines in the area (Bullmoose and Quintette) that supply coal to Japanese markets and potential for further coal projects exists.

A major development that will affect this region is the closure of the Quintette coal mine in August, 2000 and the likely closure of the Bullmoose coal mine in 2003. These mines have already experienced significant layoffs in the last two years. There have already been some population impacts from the layoffs and more are certain to follow. On the positive side, Louisiana-Pacific is in the process of building four processing facilities in the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Northeast								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,626	2,809	250	96	13	3,168	100.0%		100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	697	324	11	0	0	335	10.6%		5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	146	198	20	5	2	225	7.1%		0.5%	787
22	Utilities		10	0	0	0	10	0.3%		0.1%	165
23	Construction	353	343	32	20	1	396	12.5%		10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	63	78	5	8	3	94	3.0%		5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	72	116	16	5	0	137	4.3%		6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	106	270	31	10	0	311	9.8%		11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	305	270	18	6	2	296	9.3%		4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	7	34	2	0	0	36	1.1%		1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	62	29	13	1	0	43	1.4%		3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	192	78	13	1	0	92	2.9%		4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	153	212	9	1	0	222	7.0%		11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	57	26	1	0	0	27	0.9%		2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	82	128	5	0	0	133	4.2%		4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	6	19	1	0	4	24	0.8%		1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	147	14	12	1	174	5.5%		8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23	49	1	0	0	50	1.6%		1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	70	145	45	20	0	210	6.6%		7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	217	330	7	0	0	337	10.6%		7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		3	6	7	0	16	0.5%		0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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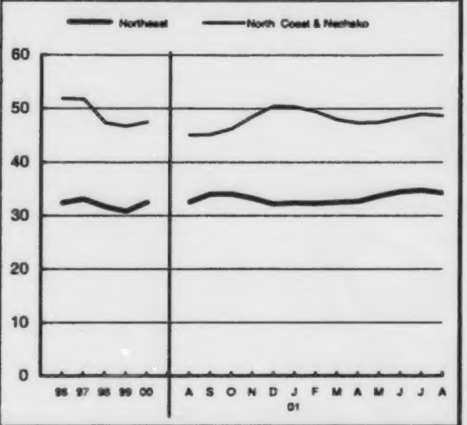
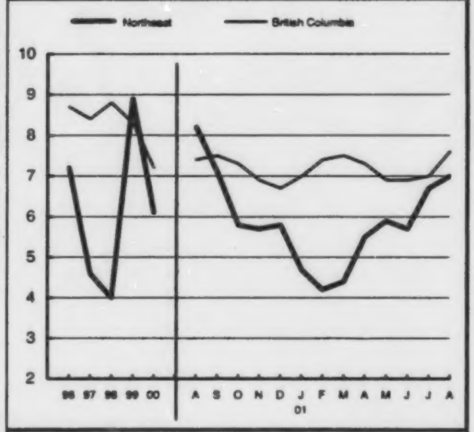
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	4.0	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	31.9	7.0	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	32.2	5.6	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	33.0	3.5	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	32.2	3.9	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	31.3	5.4	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	30.8	7.5	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	31.0	9.4	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	32.6	8.2	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	34.0	7.1	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	34.1	5.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	33.3	5.7	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	32.2	5.8	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	32.3	4.2	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	33.7	5.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	34.5	5.7	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	34.8	6.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	34.3	7.0	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	32.2	6.3	46.6	9.5	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	33.6	5.7	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	4.3		3.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



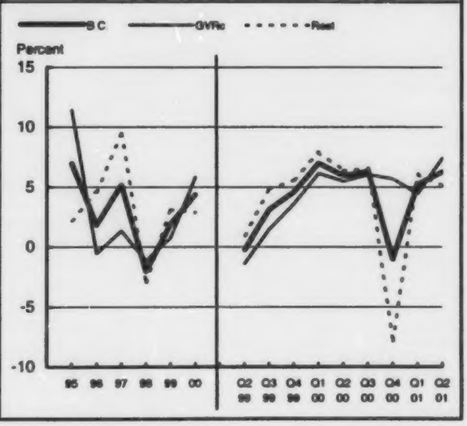
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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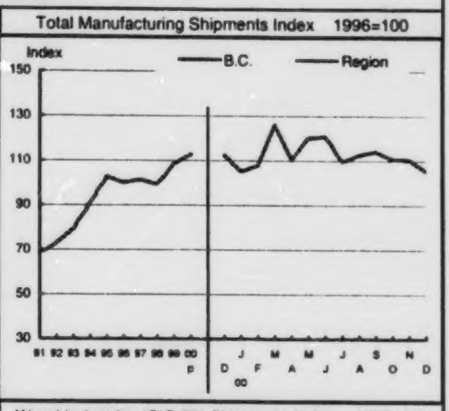
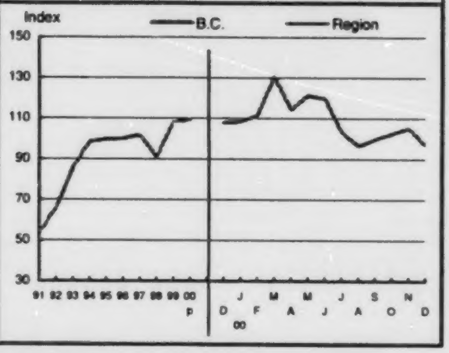
5	Manufacturing Principal Statistics					
SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	11	10	10	10	11
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	7	6	7	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	9	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	39	38	40	41	40
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	624.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	2,213
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



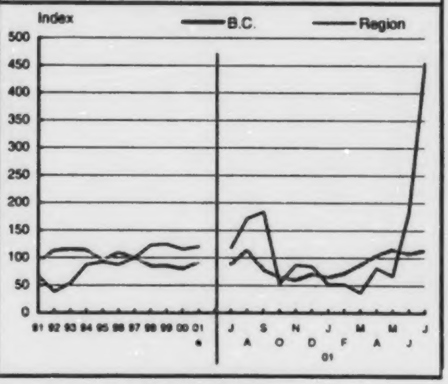
Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6	Building Permits						
	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
Year	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	41.8	20.6	2.1	8.0	10.5	21.2	169
1995	44.1	20.4	2.5	11.7	6.1	23.7	182
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	17.0	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.7	20.4	0.3	19.3	0.8	27.3	233
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	22.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.8	31.0	5.0	22.6	3.4	28.8	329
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	20.7	3.5	27.8	241
2001 e	57.5	44.4	1.1	24.5	18.8	13.1	77
Jul '00	32.1	11.6	0.4	9.6	1.6	20.5	160
Jul '01	36.9	27.3	0.9	11.3	15.1	9.7	57

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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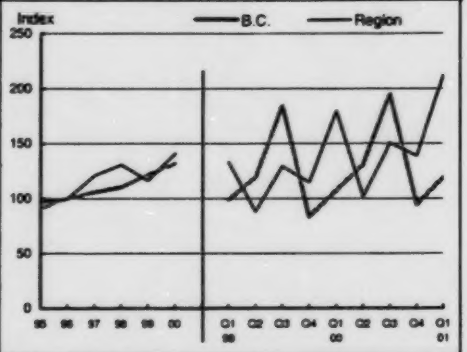
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northeast Dev. Region	1997	25,142.1	6,871.9	5,234.3	6,617.7	6,418.2
	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	10,976.1	10,976.1			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Northeast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,252.3	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	989.0	3.4%
Hotels	14,997.7	51.3%			
76+ Rooms	7,375.9	25.2%			
1-75 Rooms	7,621.8	26.1%			
Motels	8,526.7	29.1%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

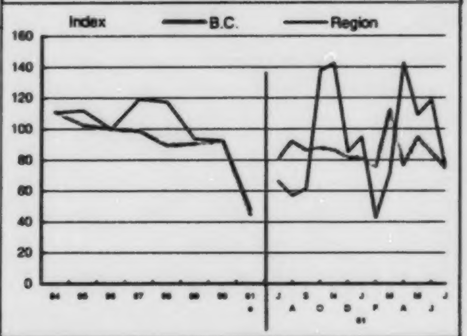


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	280
1995	283
1996	253
1997	302
1998	297
1999	237
2000	234
2001 e	122
Jan-Jul 00	132
Jan-Jul 01	138

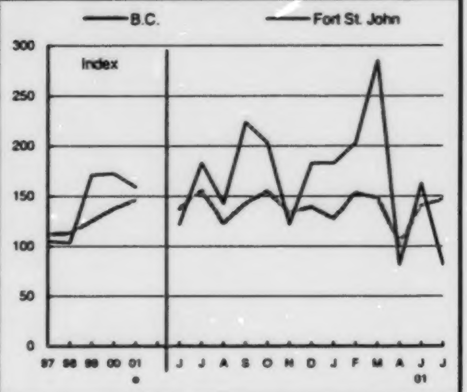
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



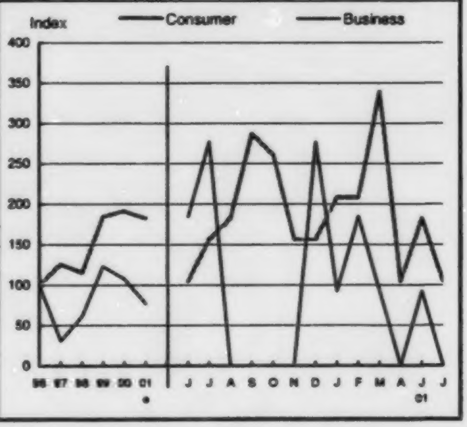
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	46	13	12	0	6436	948
1997	58	4	16	4	7,366	895
1998	53	8	16	4	7,327	1,031
1999	85	16	21	3	8,179	1,075
2000	88	14	30	3	9,181	976
2001 e	84	10	27	3	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	43	7	18	2	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	41	5	16	2	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '98	5.3	6.9	7.3	4.0	3.0
	Dec '98	5.6	6.7	8.8	4.4	3.1
	Mar '99	5.5	6.7	8.4	4.4	3.1
	Jun '99	5.7	7.0	7.9	4.7	3.1
	Sep '99	5.5	7.1	7.3	4.3	3.1
	Dec '99	5.3	6.6	7.0	4.4	3.1
	Mar '00	4.9	6.5	6.7	3.7	3.1
	Jun '00	5.5	7.0	7.7	4.4	3.1
	Sep '00	5.2	6.9	6.9	4.0	3.1
	Dec '00	5.0	6.3	7.1	4.0	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

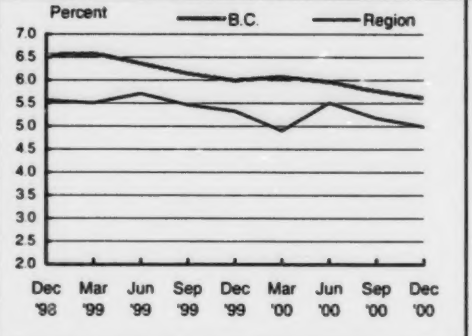
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.7	4.1	3.9	2.1	Sep '98
4.3	5.2	4.4	2.6	Dec '98
4.4	6.1	4.3	3.0	Mar '99
5.1	6.8	5.1	3.2	Jun '99
4.6	5.7	4.7	2.8	Sep '99
3.7	4.7	3.7	2.1	Dec '99
3.2	4.2	3.2	2.2	Mar '00
4.1	5.0	4.1	2.7	Jun '00
3.4	3.8	3.5	2.2	Sep '00
3.2	3.7	3.2	2.5	Dec '00

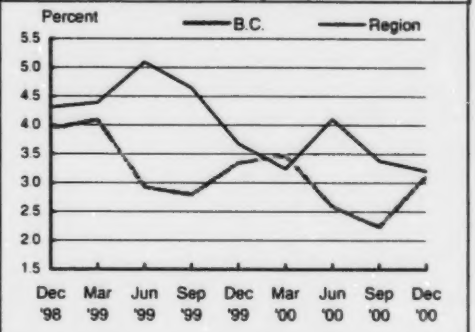
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,050	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	61.1	41.2
1-2 Years	15.3	17.8
>2 Years	23.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

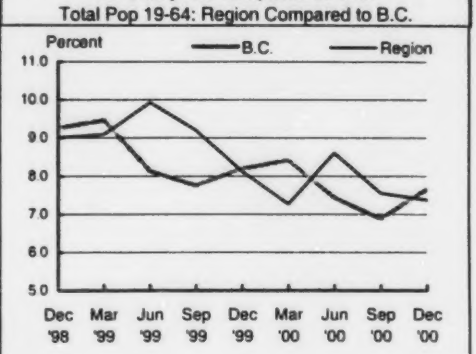
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Dec '98	9.0	13.5	8.6	6.3
	Mar '99	9.1	14.2	8.5	6.8
	Jun '99	9.9	14.5	9.5	7.0
	Sep '99	9.2	12.8	8.9	6.6
	Dec '99	8.1	11.5	7.8	5.8
	Mar '00	7.3	10.8	6.8	5.8
	Jun '00	8.6	12.3	8.2	6.4
	Sep '00	7.6	10.5	7.3	5.6
	Dec '00	7.4	10.5	7.0	5.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Northeast
Development Region

13 Demographics

The remoteness of the area is probably the reason for a median age that is substantially lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is also much higher than the provincial rate, which also contributes to a younger age structure. The ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is much lower than the provincial ratio. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated resource industries, the gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

The developments in the oil and gas sector should lead to population inflows for this region. There is a lot of growth potential due to the abundance of natural resources located in the area and this should translate into strong population growth over the long-term. However, there will be some outflows in the short-term due to the layoffs at the two coal mines.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

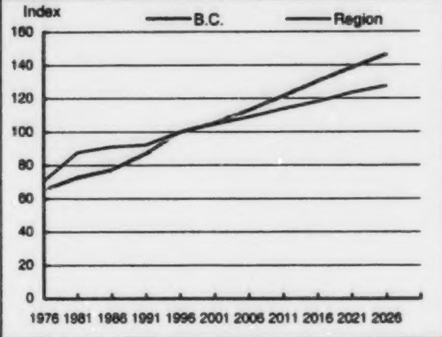
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.5	13.9	6.2	12.8	6.6	2.1	46.0	12.9	0.719	0.081	0.799	1976
1981	5.7	14.0	9.6	17.7	7.8	2.4	57.1	17.8	0.560	0.069	0.628	1981
1986	6.0	13.5	7.6	20.4	8.9	2.8	59.2	20.1	0.528	0.077	0.605	1986
1991	5.6	13.4	6.5	21.3	9.8	3.5	60.0	20.8	0.507	0.093	0.600	1991
1996	5.6	14.3	6.7	22.9	11.4	4.0	65.0	22.6	0.486	0.097	0.583	1996
2001	4.8	14.9	7.2	22.9	13.6	4.7	68.0	23.6	0.453	0.109	0.561	2001
2006	4.7	14.2	7.4	22.4	16.8	5.4	70.8	25.9	0.406	0.115	0.521	2006
2011	4.5	13.2	7.5	21.8	20.2	6.6	73.9	28.5	0.359	0.134	0.493	2011
2016	4.6	12.3	7.6	21.5	22.3	8.4	76.8	31.2	0.329	0.164	0.493	2016
2021	4.7	12.3	6.9	22.7	22.7	10.9	80.2	33.3	0.327	0.208	0.535	2021
2026	4.7	12.5	6.8	22.8	22.3	13.9	82.9	35.0	0.331	0.267	0.599	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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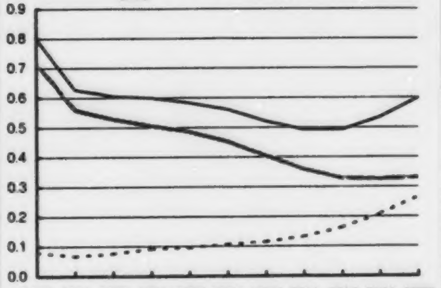

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet

Forestry is the primary economic activity in this region, and as a result, the area is vulnerable to fluctuations in this sector. Fishing is another important resource-based industry in the region. The resource-based sectors have been experiencing supply problems in recent years, which has precipitated a push for growth in the tourism sector.

Developments in the forest sector are having a significant effect on this area. Reductions to the Allowable Annual Cut have reduced employment in harvesting and there have also been cutbacks at local mills. In the fishing industry, low levels of fish stocks could lead to restrictions on the size of the catch and the length of the fishing season, which could seriously affect the industry. On the positive side, projects in the tourism sector like the Reef Point resort at Ucluelet should help mitigate some of the effects of the downturn in the resource sectors.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Alberni-Clayoquot							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	619	1,060	78	40	7	1,185	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	70	89	5	5	1	100	8.4%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	3	0	0	0	3	0.3%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities		1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	105	112	4	0	0	116	9.8%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	19	40	6	3	4	53	4.5%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	16	35	2	0	0	37	3.1%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	73	160	10	6	0	176	14.9%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	54	67	2	1	0	70	5.9%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	6	1	0	0	7	0.6%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	21	17	1	0	0	18	1.5%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	65	37	0	0	0	37	3.1%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	33	65	1	0	0	66	5.6%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	31	13	0	1	0	14	1.2%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	25	46	3	1	0	50	4.2%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	3	12	1	0	1	14	1.2%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	7	98	6	6	1	111	9.4%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12	24	1	2	0	27	2.3%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	34	111	25	11	0	147	12.4%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	45	113	4	1	0	118	10.0%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		11	6	3	0	20	1.7%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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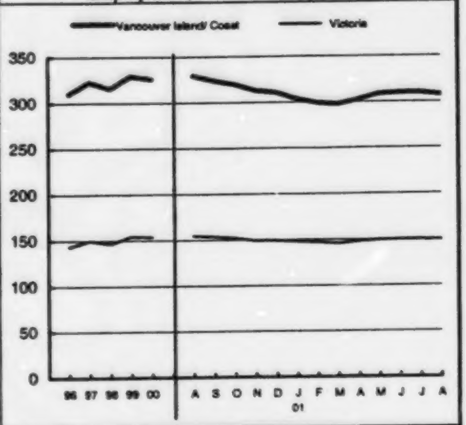
Regional District

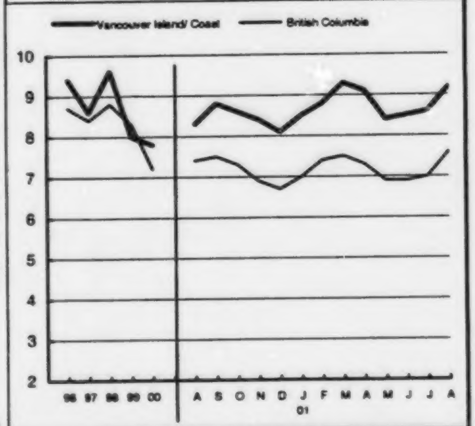
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1991				134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	332.4	7.6	155.4	6.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-8.4		-4.5		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



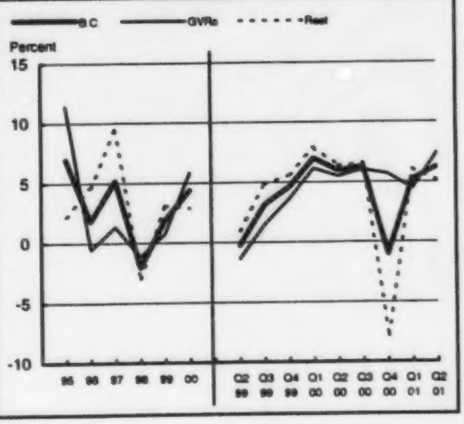
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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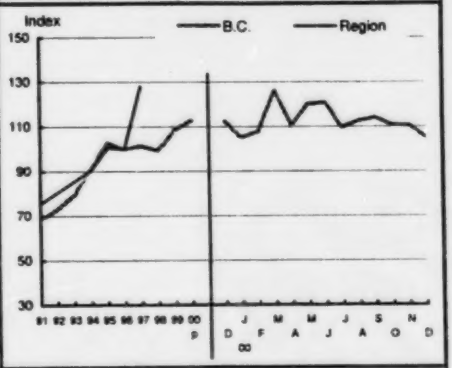
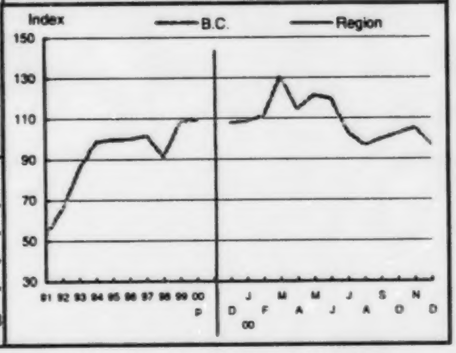
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	3
25	Wood	5	5	5	6	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	4	4	5	6
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	7	7	7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	20	21	22	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	276.5	301.1	260.0	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	492.0	548.1	544.7	696.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,053	1,019	1,016	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	2,092	2,115	2,093	2,431
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	50.0	51.9	51.6	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	99.1	107.9	111.0	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

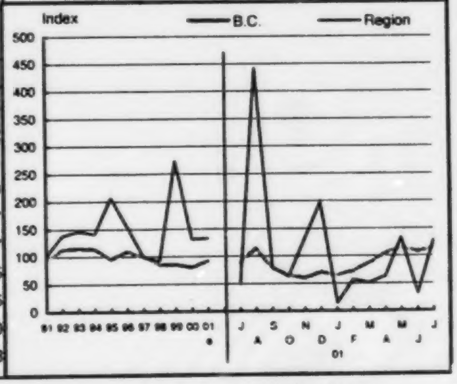


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period. Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	31.4	7.5	0.8	5.9	0.9	23.8	184
1995	45.7	24.2	8.7	11.9	3.6	21.5	202
1996	34.2	8.0	0.0	6.2	1.8	26.2	251
1997	22.2	6.5	0.5	5.6	0.5	15.6	139
1998	20.4	9.8	0.2	6.1	3.5	10.6	97
1999	60.4	49.1	0.7	4.1	44.4	11.3	97
2000	29.2	19.5	4.6	11.3	3.7	9.6	75
2001 e	29.5	23.1	0.3	20.8	2.0	6.4	35
Jul '00	12.3	6.1	4.5	1.5	0.1	6.2	50
Jul '01	8.8	4.7	0.3	2.8	1.6	4.1	23

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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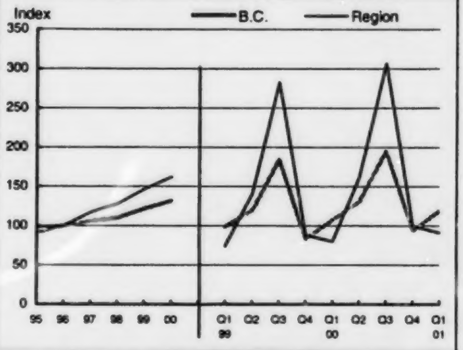
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	1997	16,922.8	2,108.6	4,425.8	7,890.2	2,498.2
	1998	18,520.2	2,544.2	4,479.1	8,951.5	2,545.4
	1999	21,138.9	2,671.2	5,086.5	10,187.3	3,194.0
	2000	23,404.5	2,900.2	5,843.6	11,051.1	3,609.7
	2001	3,290.4	3,290.4			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Alberni-Clayoquot 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	23,404.5	100.0%
Hotels	5,537.6	23.7%
Motels	3,993.1	17.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

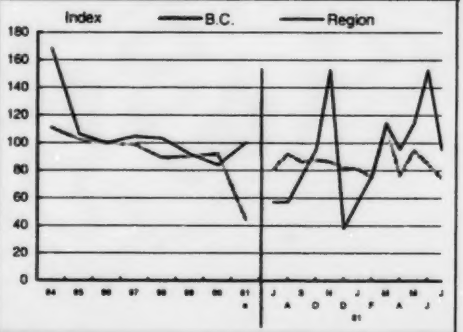


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	106
1995	67
1996	63
1997	66
1998	65
1999	58
2000	53
2001 e	63
Jan-Jul 00	31
Jan-Jul 01	37

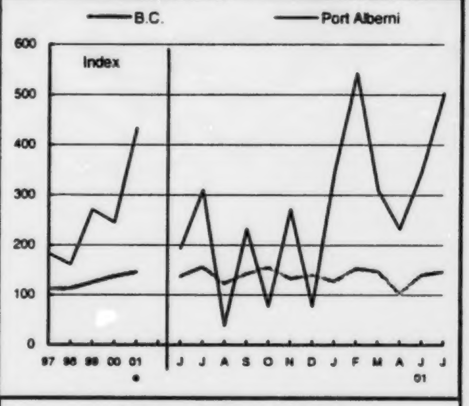
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



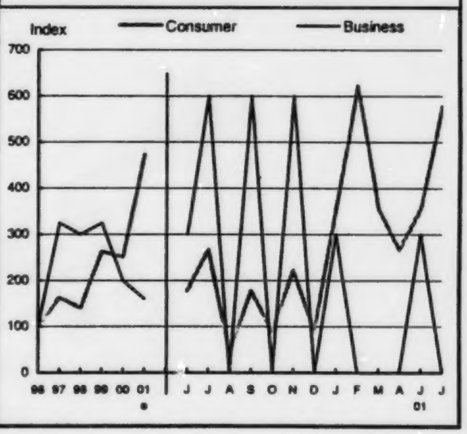
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	27	4	472	99	6436	948
1997	44	13	646	120	7,366	895
1998	38	12	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	71	13	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	8	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	128	6	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	25	5	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	47	4	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Sep '98	9.4	13.2	12.3	8.0	4.4
	Dec '98	9.1	12.5	11.4	8.1	4.1
	Mar '99	9.4	13.2	12.0	8.2	4.3
	Jun '99	9.4	13.3	11.9	7.9	4.3
	Sep '99	8.8	12.5	11.8	7.4	4.3
	Dec '99	9.1	12.7	12.7	7.6	4.3
	Mar '00	9.4	12.8	14.1	7.9	4.3
	Jun '00	9.2	12.6	13.0	7.8	4.3
	Sep '00	9.0	12.6	12.2	7.6	4.3
	Dec '00	8.7	12.1	11.1	7.4	4.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

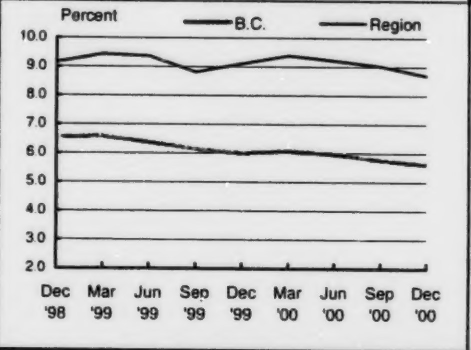
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.1	3.1	3.5	1.4	Sep '98
6.4	7.2	7.2	2.3	Dec '98
6.1	6.0	6.9	2.6	Mar '99
3.0	2.9	3.3	1.8	Jun '99
2.7	2.5	2.9	1.9	Sep '99
5.4	6.0	6.0	2.4	Dec '99
5.5	6.4	6.0	2.2	Mar '00
3.2	3.2	3.7	1.4	Jun '00
2.6	2.5	3.0	1.2	Sep '00
4.8	4.6	5.5	2.2	Dec '00

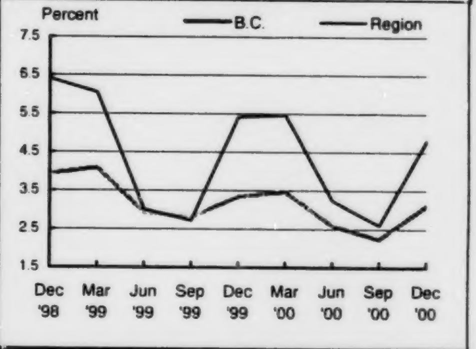
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,407	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.7	41.2
1-2 Years	18.2	17.8
>2 Years	39.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

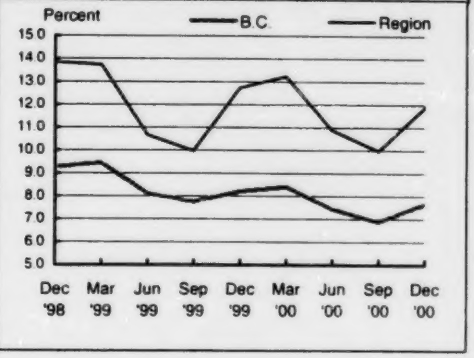
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Dec '98	13.9	18.1	14.9	5.8
	Mar '99	13.7	17.7	14.8	6.1
	Jun '99	10.7	14.7	11.1	5.5
	Sep '99	10.0	14.2	10.2	5.5
	Dec '99	12.7	18.5	13.2	6.1
	Mar '00	13.2	20.2	13.6	5.8
	Jun '00	10.9	16.0	11.3	5.0
	Sep '00	10.0	14.4	10.3	5.0
	Dec '00	11.9	15.2	12.6	6.0

*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region has generally been a net loser of migrants and the trend is expected to continue as the economy is transformed from resource-based industries to more service-oriented industries.

The gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economy and the dependence on resource-based employment, which tends to be male-dominated. The proportion of elderly people (over 65 years of age) has increased to the point where it is similar to that of the province as a whole.

14 Projection

It is projected that the traditional net migration outflows for this area will continue, particularly as constraints in the resource sectors reduce the employment base. Although there are plans to further develop the tourist industry and to attract more retirees to the region, the number of jobs in the service sector supported by these activities is significantly less than those supported by the forest sector. This means that it will take more than one tourism job to achieve the same spin-off benefits of one forest job. The end result should be a slight population decline for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

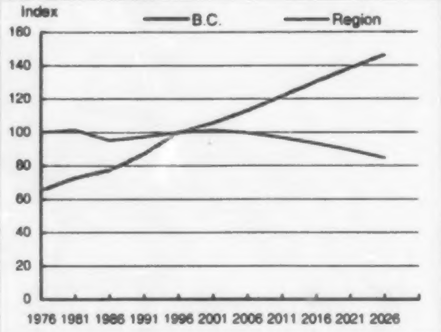
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	2.8	8.9	4.6	9.1	5.8	1.8	33.0	10.0	0.598	0.091	0.689	1976
1981	2.7	7.7	4.7	10.0	6.0	2.2	33.4	11.1	0.504	0.106	0.609	1981
1986	2.4	6.7	3.3	9.8	6.2	2.8	31.4	11.4	0.471	0.147	0.617	1986
1991	2.4	6.5	3.0	10.2	6.7	3.3	32.0	11.9	0.443	0.164	0.608	1991
1996	2.2	6.4	3.0	9.9	7.6	3.8	32.9	12.7	0.418	0.184	0.602	1996
2001	1.6	6.0	3.4	9.2	8.8	4.2	33.3	13.4	0.359	0.198	0.557	2001
2006	1.6	5.1	3.0	8.7	9.8	4.7	32.6	14.2	0.314	0.219	0.532	2006
2011	1.5	4.4	2.6	8.0	10.2	5.2	31.8	14.6	0.280	0.251	0.531	2011
2016	1.3	3.9	2.2	7.4	9.8	6.1	30.7	14.9	0.264	0.312	0.575	2016
2021	1.1	3.6	1.7	7.0	9.1	7.0	29.4	14.6	0.263	0.396	0.659	2021
2026	0.9	3.1	1.7	5.8	8.5	7.8	27.9	14.4	0.253	0.487	0.740	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

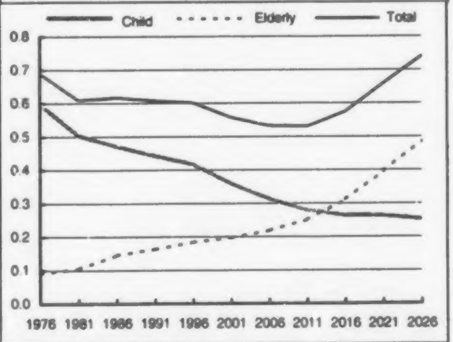
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Granisle, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa, Vanderhoof

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic drivers for this region. The agriculture industry in this region consists mainly of grain production. There are currently two major mines operating in the area (Endako Molybdenum Mine and Huckleberry Copper Mine). Smithers is also one of the major supply and service points for mineral exploration and development in northern British Columbia and miners working in fly-in operations are often based there.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Bulkley-Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,490	1,920	141	50	13	2,124	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	422	487	30	10	0	527	24.8%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	12	2	2	1	17	0.8%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	219	219	7	3	0	229	10.8%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	48	75	8	9	7	99	4.7%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	31	64	3	1	0	68	3.2%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	106	171	26	6	0	203	9.6%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	131	165	2	3	2	172	8.1%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	20	0	0	0	20	0.9%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	39	23	2	1	0	26	1.2%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	129	47	1	0	0	48	2.3%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	76	123	3	3	0	129	6.1%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	45	18	4	0	0	22	1.0%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	38	55	3	0	0	58	2.7%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	5	14	2	0	3	19	0.9%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	8	85	15	5	0	105	4.9%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22	38	4	1	0	43	2.0%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	55	132	18	3	0	153	7.2%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	97	151	4	1	0	156	7.3%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		18	6	2	0	26	1.2%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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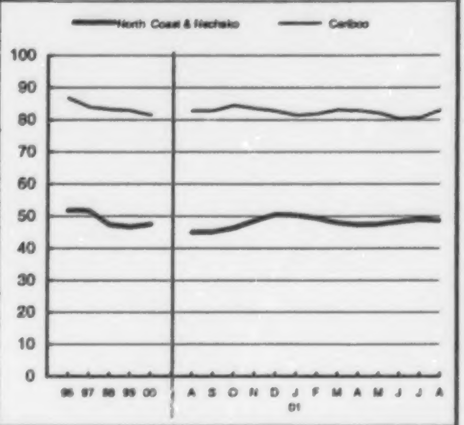
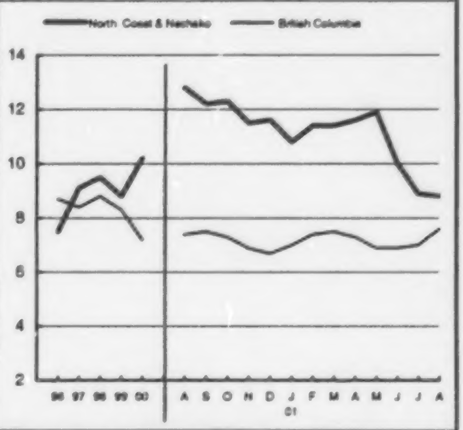
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	46.6	9.5	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	3.3		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



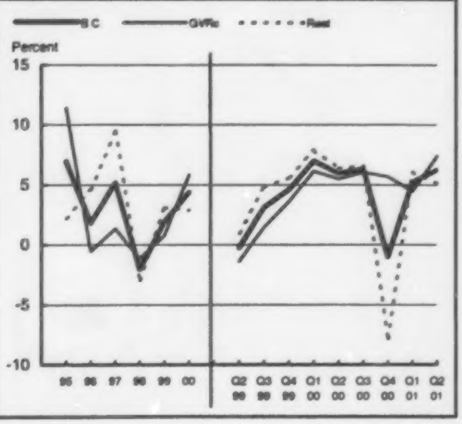
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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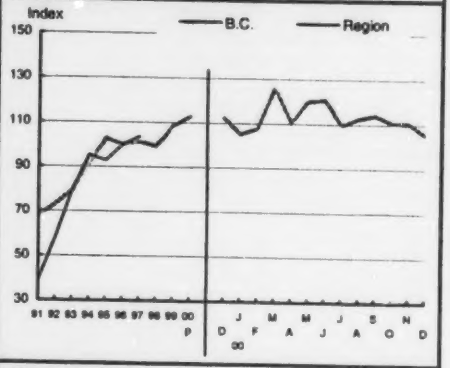
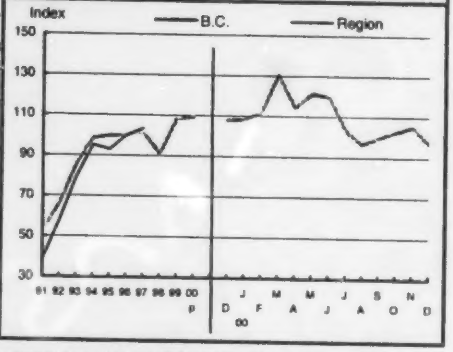
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	2	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	34	36	38	42	40
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	899.0	1,079.5	1,051.7	1,132.7	1,173.4
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,854	3,021	2,996	2,881	2,920
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	135.0	139.5	134.2	136.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

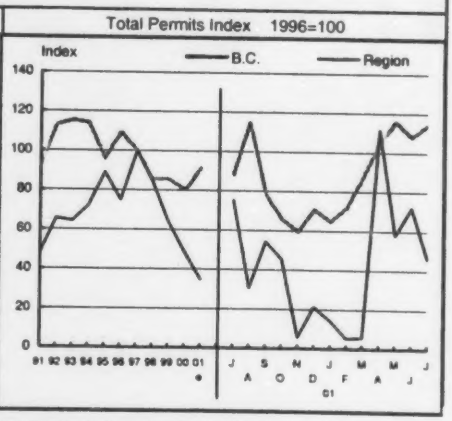


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	29.8	8.2	1.1	5.2	1.9	21.6	196
1995	36.8	15.2	2.6	6.3	6.4	21.6	212
1996	31.0	7.5	1.1	5.3	1.0	23.6	241
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	8.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	6.5	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.4	13.9	1.8	8.5	3.6	12.5	108
2000	20.1	10.2	1.9	5.4	3.0	9.8	75
2001 e	14.3	7.2	0.6	3.0	3.6	7.1	68
Jul '00	14.6	8.4	1.0	4.6	2.8	6.2	43
Jul '01	10.8	6.3	0.3	2.5	3.4	4.5	39

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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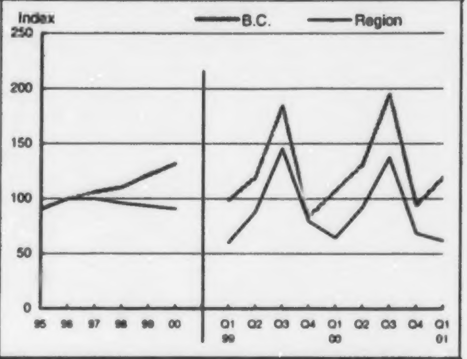
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Stikine Region ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	1997	9,301.2	1,555.2	2,332.5	3,470.5	1,943.0
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	1,435.5	1,435.5			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Bulkley-Nechako 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,446.5	100.0%
Hotels	2,806.2	33.2%
Motels	4,404.5	52.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

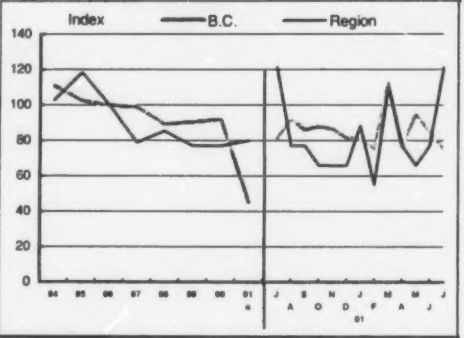


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	112
1995	129
1996	109
1997	86
1998	93
1999	84
2000	84
2001 e	87
Jan-Jul 00	52
Jan-Jul 01	54

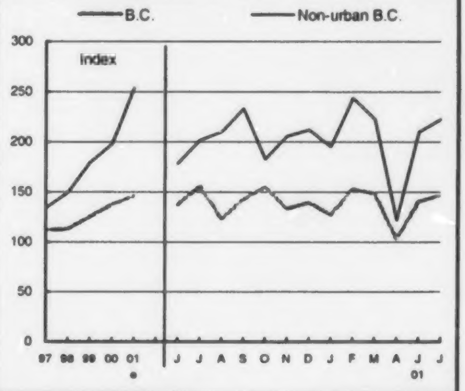
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



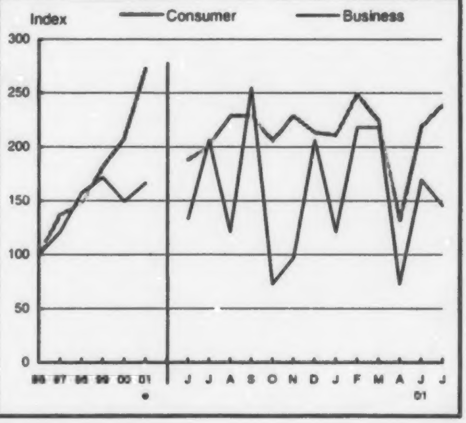
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	646	120	7,366	895		
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031		
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075		
2000	983	148	9,181	976		
2001 e	1,285	165	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '98	5.7	7.6	7.6	4.5	3.1
	Dec '98	6.0	7.4	8.9	4.8	3.0
	Mar '99	6.0	7.6	8.5	4.7	3.1
	Jun '99	6.0	7.4	8.9	4.8	3.1
	Sep '99	5.7	7.1	8.4	4.5	3.1
	Dec '99	5.3	6.5	8.0	4.3	3.1
	Mar '00	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.4	3.1
	Jun '00	5.6	6.9	8.2	4.6	3.1
	Sep '00	5.4	6.6	7.7	4.4	3.1
	Dec '00	5.5	6.5	8.7	4.6	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

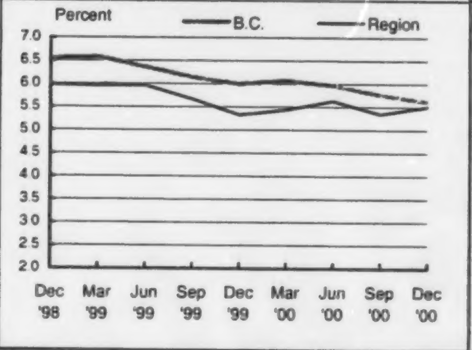
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	4.2	3.5	1.5	Sep '98
4.3	5.5	4.5	2.2	Dec '98
5.0	6.0	5.3	2.4	Mar '99
5.1	5.4	5.5	2.4	Jun '99
4.2	4.2	4.5	2.1	Sep '99
3.6	3.7	3.8	2.3	Dec '99
3.9	4.4	4.1	2.4	Mar '00
4.7	4.8	5.0	2.8	Jun '00
3.1	3.0	3.3	1.7	Sep '00
3.6	3.7	3.7	2.5	Dec '00

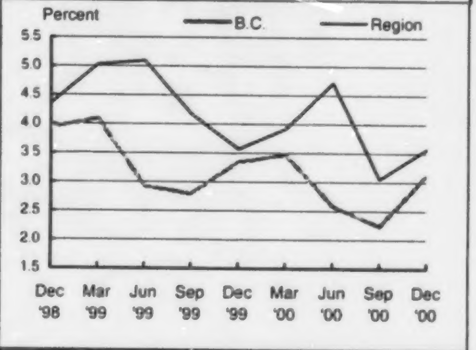
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,129	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.2	41.2
1-2 Years	16.2	17.8
>2 Years	29.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

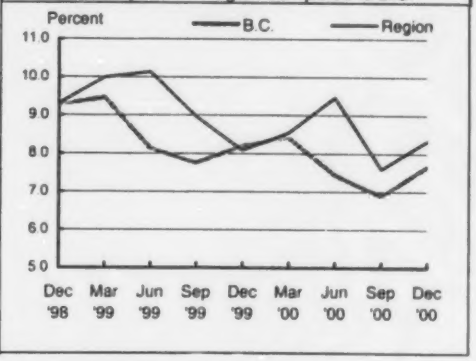
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Dec '98	9.3	13.8	9.0	6.0
	Mar '99	10.0	14.2	9.8	6.3
	Jun '99	10.1	13.9	10.0	6.3
	Sep '99	9.0	12.3	8.9	5.8
	Dec '99	8.1	11.2	7.9	5.7
	Mar '00	8.6	12.1	8.3	5.9
	Jun '00	9.5	12.5	9.4	6.1
	Sep '00	7.6	10.4	7.5	4.9
	Dec '00	8.3	12.1	8.0	5.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors, the gender ratio of this area is heavily weighted in favour of males. This contrasts with the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

The total fertility rate for this area is significantly higher than the provincial rate. This is likely one of the reasons for the significantly higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. As a result, the median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median.

14 Projection

This region is expected to receive net inflows of migrants throughout most of the projection, with the exception of one-time events such as mine closures. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) for this area is relatively high and positive, and in combination with positive net migration, this will result in steady population growth for this area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

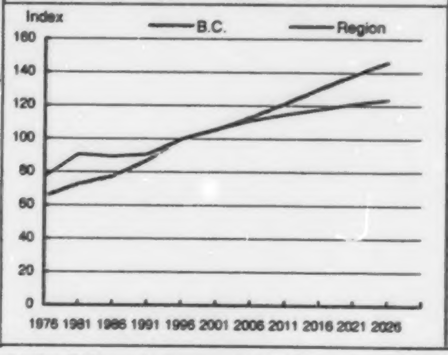
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	10.0	4.6	9.3	4.7	1.3	33.5	9.2	0.729	0.069	0.798	1976
1981	4.3	10.2	5.9	12.2	5.3	1.6	39.4	11.9	0.617	0.068	0.685	1981
1986	4.0	9.6	4.5	12.9	5.8	1.9	38.8	12.3	0.585	0.082	0.667	1986
1991	3.6	9.6	4.0	13.4	6.5	2.3	39.4	13.0	0.553	0.097	0.650	1991
1996	3.6	9.9	4.4	14.4	8.1	3.0	43.4	14.8	0.503	0.111	0.613	1996
2001	3.2	9.8	5.1	14.2	10.1	3.5	45.9	16.1	0.442	0.120	0.562	2001
2006	3.2	9.2	5.2	13.9	12.4	4.3	48.1	17.9	0.395	0.136	0.531	2006
2011	3.2	8.6	5.0	13.6	14.2	5.2	49.8	19.4	0.360	0.159	0.518	2011
2016	3.1	8.2	4.8	13.7	14.7	6.6	51.1	20.8	0.342	0.197	0.539	2016
2021	3.1	8.3	4.3	14.4	14.2	8.4	52.6	21.9	0.347	0.254	0.601	2021
2026	3.0	8.2	4.3	14.1	13.8	10.2	53.7	22.7	0.349	0.318	0.667	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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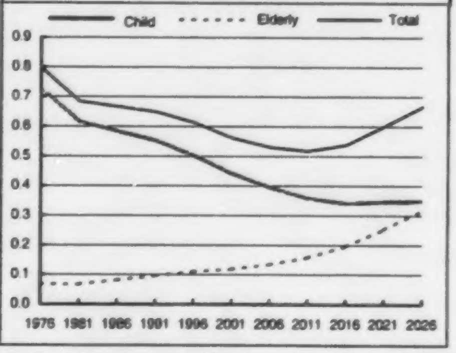

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal

Victoria's status as the provincial capital means that the bulk of the government sector is located within Greater Victoria. As a result, the public sector is an important economic driver for this region. The pleasant climate of the area also makes it a popular tourist destination and retirement area. The abundance of retirees makes pension and investment income important elements of the economy. This, in combination with a large tourism trade, helps to drive the service sector. The region also has the second largest concentration of high technology companies in the province.

Major developments that could affect this area include the recent construction of sewer lines and the improved transportation networks to the Sooke area. These developments could be an indication that the Sooke area may be ready for more serious development.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Capital							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	10,025	10,491	944	483	95	12,013	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	246	228	13	4	1	246	2.0%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	29	15	1	0	0	16	0.1%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	7	8	1	2	1	12	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	1,566	1,207	100	21	3	1,331	11.1%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	327	426	53	30	6	515	4.3%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	372	426	40	17	3	486	4.0%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	713	1,352	139	80	12	1,583	13.2%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	329	302	14	16	9	341	2.8%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	102	121	23	10	3	157	1.3%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	673	344	31	30	3	408	3.4%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,589	522	44	19	1	586	4.9%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	1,697	1,545	95	26	0	1,666	13.9%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	567	229	12	10	0	251	2.1%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	457	514	35	13	4	566	4.7%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	86	138	17	10	7	172	1.4%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	136	1,404	87	48	15	1,554	12.9%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	191	174	13	10	2	199	1.7%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	275	652	175	111	4	942	7.8%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	663	824	42	15	0	881	7.3%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		60	9	11	21	101	0.8%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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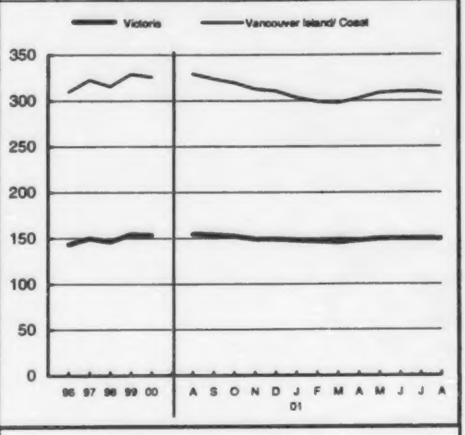
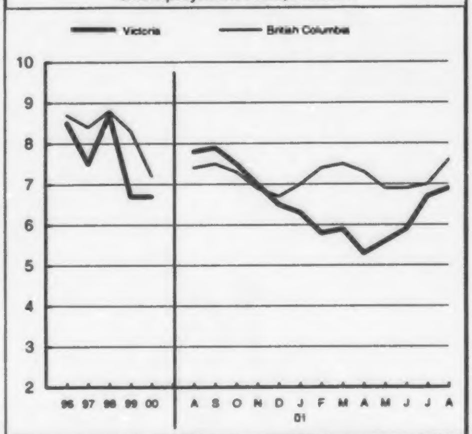
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Victoria		Vancouver Island/ Coast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991		134.9	8.4			1,572.6	10.1
1992		133.6	7.9			1,620.3	10.2
1993		138.8	8.3			1,675.9	9.7
1994		144.3	7.1			1,754.0	9.0
1995		143.1	8.4	309.9	9.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996		143.5	8.5	309.8	9.4	1,821.2	8.7
1997		149.8	7.5	322.7	8.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		146.6	8.7	315.7	9.6	1,870.2	8.8
1999		154.2	6.7	329.1	8.0	1,906.4	8.3
2000		153.6	6.7	325.8	7.8	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	154.1	5.9	331.2	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	155.1	6.2	331.6	8.0	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	155.6	6.4	332.9	7.9	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	156.5	6.3	336.2	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	156.7	6.2	336.7	6.6	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	155.8	6.1	335.8	6.3	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	155.2	7.0	332.2	7.2	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	154.6	7.8	329.3	8.3	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	153.7	7.9	323.9	8.8	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	152.2	7.5	320.1	8.6	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	149.4	7.0	313.2	8.4	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	149.3	6.5	310.8	8.1	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	148.0	6.3	303.8	8.5	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	147.0	5.8	299.4	8.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	145.9	5.9	297.6	9.3	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	148.1	5.3	302.7	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	149.7	5.6	308.7	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	150.1	5.9	309.9	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	149.9	6.7	310.3	8.6	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	149.6	6.9	307.7	9.2	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	155.4	6.8	332.4	7.6	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	148.4	6.2	304.5	9.0	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-4.5		-8.4		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



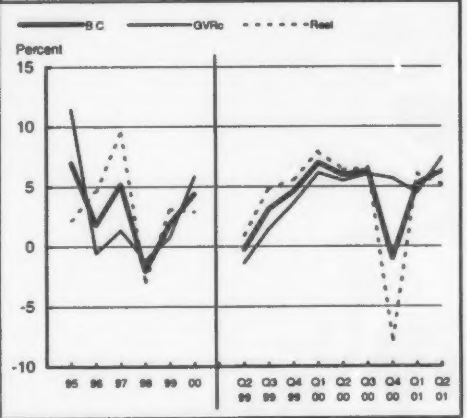
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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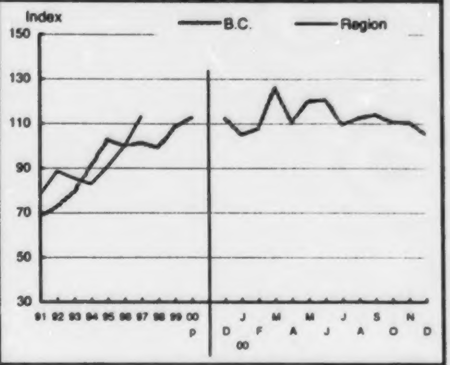
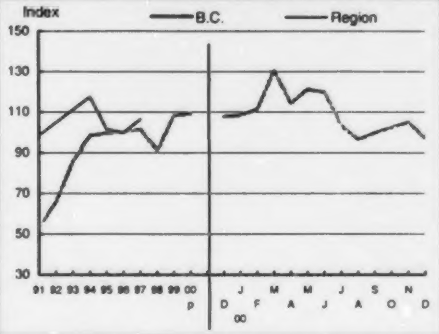
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	20	18	18	18	17
25	Wood	22	19	20	25	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	22	22	24	32	29
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	211	202	223	252	246
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.4	94.0	102.3	129.6	151.7
25	Wood	**	45.4	39.2	38.6	41.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	53.7	55.0	65.4	68.7	70.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	495.0	479.7	525.2	578.5	654.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	618	548	629	673	636
25	Wood	**	401	376	249	326
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	591	610	671	610	697
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,631	4,350	4,666	4,636	5,571
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	20.0	19.2	21.0	20.8	21.5
25	Wood	**	11.4	10.9	7.1	9.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	19.7	20.3	22.3	20.7	25.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	159.8	151.9	152.0	162.5	202.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

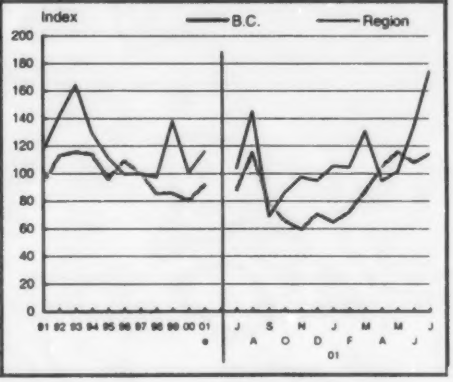


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	372.3	122.9	8.0	84.0	30.9	249.5	2,503
1995	319.9	151.8	10.6	57.7	83.4	168.1	1,296
1996	287.1	108.6	5.5	88.7	14.4	178.5	1,263
1997	287.7	116.3	6.8	78.3	31.3	171.3	1,230
1998	279.9	117.5	15.9	76.2	25.4	162.4	1,138
1999	396.7	222.4	6.0	98.5	117.8	174.4	1,304
2000	289.8	123.5	14.3	76.7	32.5	166.2	996
2001 e	333.7	139.9	20.0	88.4	31.5	193.8	1,082
Jul '00	171.7	77.3	7.2	48.3	21.8	94.4	533
Jul '01	202.8	92.8	16.0	55.6	21.1	110.0	579

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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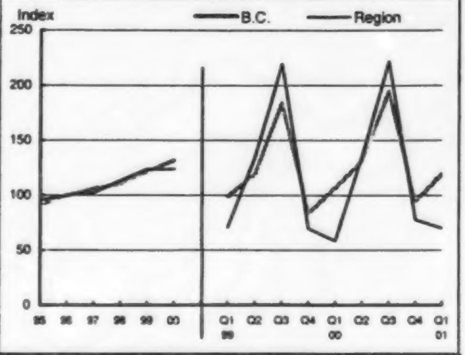
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Capital Regional District	1997	124,769.8	16,318.1	33,202.6	57,615.3	17,633.9
	1998	138,306.2	17,488.3	37,203.1	61,316.2	22,298.6
	1999	150,894.3	21,624.8	41,072.6	66,841.0	21,356.0
	2000	150,761.0	17,910.1	41,491.1	67,579.8	23,779.9
	2001	21,364.4	21,364.4			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Capital 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	151,227.0	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	3,555.6	2.4%
Hotels	123,535.4	81.7%			
76+ Rooms	92,493.6	61.2%			
1-75 Rooms	31,041.8	20.5%			
Motels	12,637.3	8.4%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

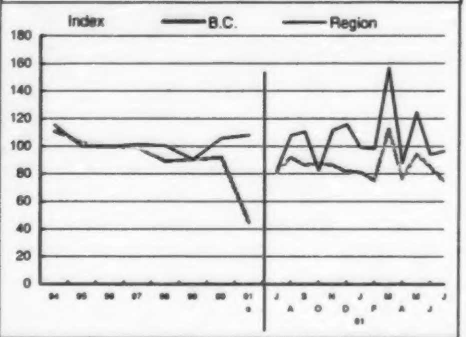


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	1,591
1995	1,376
1996	1,379
1997	1,398
1998	1,384
1999	1,247
2000	1,458
2001 e	1,491
Jan-Jul 00	851
Jan-Jul 01	870

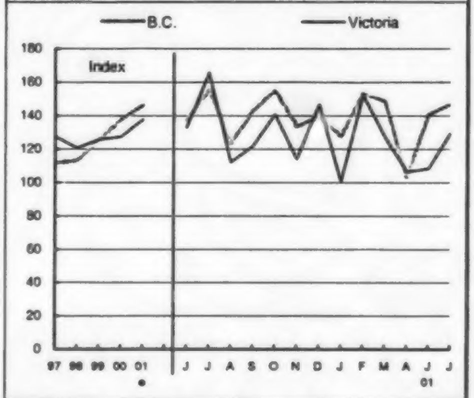
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



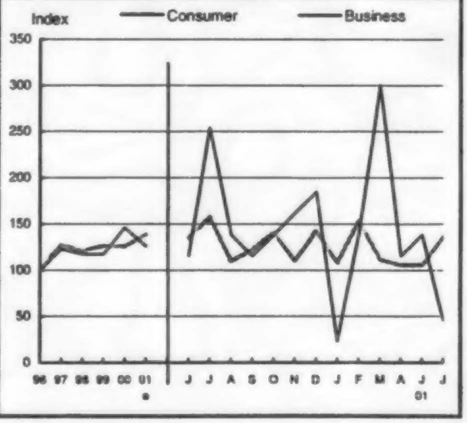
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	579	52	472	99	6436	948
1997	742	64	646	120	7,366	895
1998	701	61	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	733	61	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	728	76	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	804	65	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	375	36	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	414	31	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Capital Regional District	Sep '98	6.2	8.9	9.0	5.3	2.7
	Dec '98	6.2	8.4	9.0	5.4	2.6
	Mar '99	6.2	8.4	9.7	5.4	2.5
	Jun '99	5.9	8.2	9.0	5.1	2.5
	Sep '99	5.8	8.3	8.3	5.0	2.5
	Dec '99	5.7	7.8	8.5	4.9	2.5
	Mar '00	5.8	7.8	9.2	5.0	2.5
	Jun '00	5.6	7.7	8.7	4.8	2.5
	Sep '00	5.4	7.6	8.2	4.6	2.5
	Dec '00	5.2	7.3	8.0	4.5	2.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

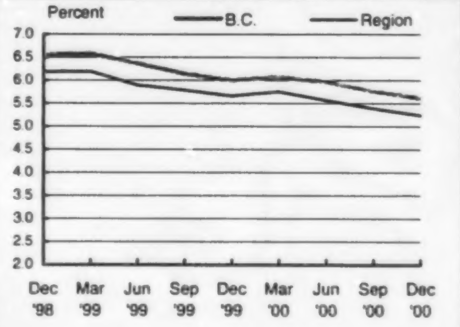
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.2	2.3	2.4	1.0	Sep '98
3.0	3.6	3.2	1.5	Dec '98
3.0	3.5	3.2	1.3	Mar '99
2.2	2.5	2.4	1.1	Jun '99
2.1	2.2	2.4	1.0	Sep '99
2.6	3.2	2.7	1.4	Dec '99
2.6	3.1	2.7	1.3	Mar '00
1.9	2.0	2.1	0.9	Jun '00
1.6	1.6	1.8	0.8	Sep '00
2.4	2.6	2.6	1.2	Dec '00

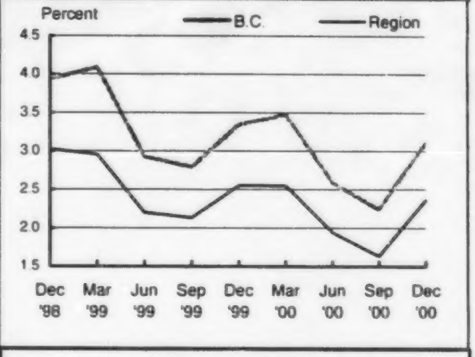
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	14,326	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.6	41.2
1-2 Years	17.8	17.8
>2 Years	39.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

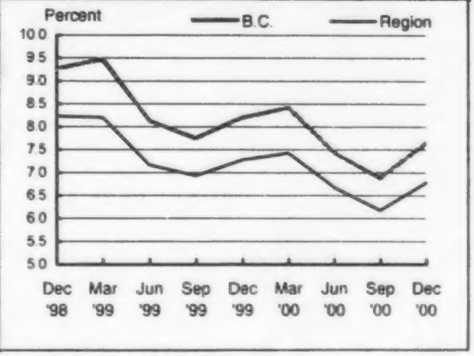
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Capital Regional District	Dec '98	8.2	12.1	8.4	4.0
	Mar '99	8.2	12.6	8.4	3.8
	Jun '99	7.2	11.0	7.3	3.5
	Sep '99	6.9	10.0	7.2	3.4
	Dec '99	7.3	11.1	7.4	3.8
	Mar '00	7.4	11.8	7.5	3.7
	Jun '00	6.7	10.4	6.8	3.3
	Sep '00	6.2	9.7	6.3	3.1
	Dec '00	6.8	10.3	6.9	3.4

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Capital
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13 Demographics

The urban nature of much of the region means that the population density is much greater than the provincial average. The median age of the area's population is much higher than the provincial median, due to the area's status as a retirement centre.

The larger percentage of elderly people affects other demographic variables as well. For example, the gender ratio is weighted much more in favour of females than is the case for British Columbia as a whole, since females tend to live longer than males.

14 Projection

The retirement communities in Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands should continue to grow as the provincial population ages and more people chose to retire in these areas. As Greater Victoria reaches saturation, growth will move into Saanich and Sooke. The Gulf Islands' "Island Trust" exists to ensure that the Islands maintain their island character and this control over development will likely keep growth on the Islands to a minimum.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

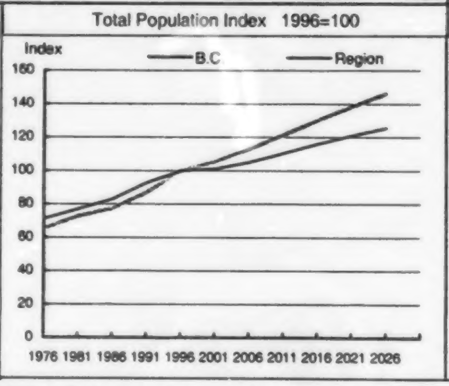
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	13.0	46.7	31.3	56.7	52.7	35.9	236.2	87.7	0.424	0.256	0.680	1976
1981	13.9	41.4	33.1	70.2	54.4	42.8	255.9	103.6	0.351	0.272	0.622	1981
1986	15.8	40.6	30.6	83.6	55.2	49.3	275.0	117.5	0.333	0.291	0.624	1986
1991	17.3	44.6	29.6	98.9	60.2	57.1	307.6	127.9	0.328	0.303	0.631	1991
1996	17.3	48.3	30.2	104.4	72.7	58.9	331.8	141.4	0.316	0.284	0.600	1996
2001	14.5	47.7	27.1	99.3	86.8	60.0	335.3	145.3	0.292	0.281	0.573	2001
2006	14.4	46.0	29.5	94.9	102.4	61.5	348.6	156.9	0.267	0.271	0.538	2006
2011	14.7	45.1	31.9	92.5	115.2	67.3	366.6	170.1	0.249	0.281	0.530	2011
2016	15.3	44.5	32.9	92.4	119.8	79.9	384.7	183.6	0.244	0.326	0.570	2016
2021	16.2	45.5	30.7	95.8	120.1	93.3	401.6	194.4	0.250	0.378	0.628	2021
2026	16.5	47.2	29.9	100.9	115.7	106.6	416.7	203.1	0.258	0.433	0.691	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

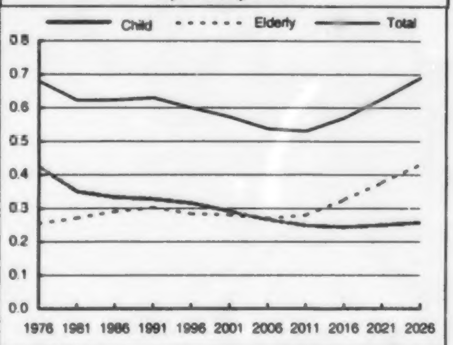
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Cariboo
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Wells

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, cattle ranching and mining also play significant roles in the economy. There is only one major mine left operating in the area after two shut down within a year. The Quesnel River gold mine opened in 1995, but was shut down in March 1998 due to low metal prices. The Gibraltar mine near Williams Lake closed in February 1999 due to low ore grades and low prices. The remaining operating mine is the Mount Polley mine near Likely, which began production in 1997 and is expected to have about a 14-year life. There is also good potential for several other mines in this region. The Prosperity Gold/Copper Mine has the potential to be one of the largest mines in the province once it goes ahead.

Another major development that could affect this region is the eventual cancellation of the temporary licenses for beetle-killed timber in the Williams Lake Timber Supply Area. It is estimated that the timber attributable to this temporary uplift in the Allowable Annual Cut is responsible for over 500 direct jobs and 200 indirect jobs. The uplift was recently extended until about 2001, but will eventually be removed, and at that time significant employment effects will be felt in this region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 **New!**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,149	2,740	190	62	15	3,007	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	514	549	32	11	0	592	19.7%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	6	4	1	1	0	6	0.2%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	5	4	0	0	0	4	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	360	331	18	2	0	351	11.7%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	67	100	10	8	9	127	4.2%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	72	74	10	0	0	84	2.8%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	144	311	21	13	1	346	11.5%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	174	269	4	1	0	274	9.1%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	17	19	1	2	0	22	0.7%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	59	40	6	1	0	47	1.6%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	222	79	2	0	0	81	2.7%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	115	174	5	1	0	180	6.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	71	38	5	2	0	45	1.5%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	49	91	5	1	0	97	3.2%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	7	11	2	0	2	15	0.5%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	18	133	13	8	2	156	5.2%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23	43	3	0	0	46	1.5%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	91	217	39	8	0	264	8.8%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	135	236	5	0	0	241	8.0%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		17	8	3	1	29	1.0%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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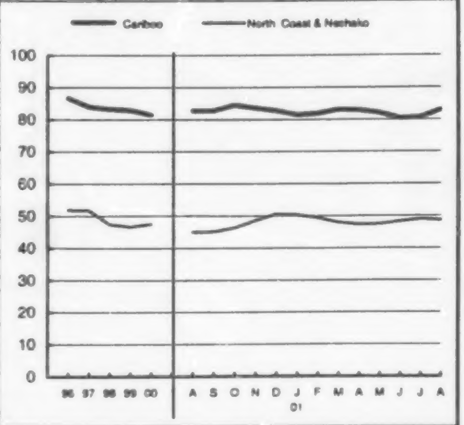
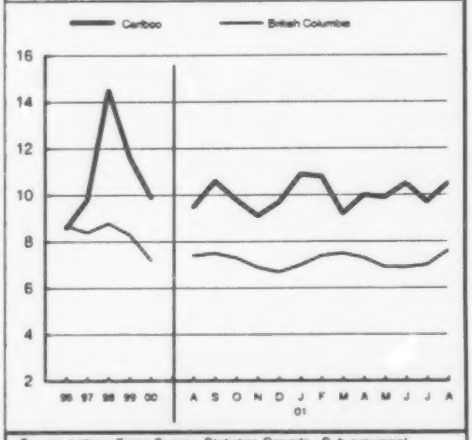
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996		86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998		83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	81.9	8.1	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	81.0	8.4	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	80.1	9.7	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	78.2	11.3	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	78.7	11.2	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	80.2	9.7	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	82.1	8.6	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	82.8	9.5	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	82.8	10.6	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	84.5	9.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	83.6	9.1	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	82.8	9.7	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	82.1	9.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	80.4	10.5	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	80.7	9.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	83.0	10.5	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	80.7	9.9	46.6	9.5	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	82.4	10.1	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.1		3.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



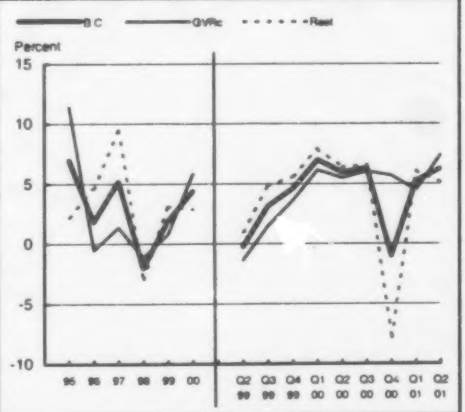
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
Quarterly data	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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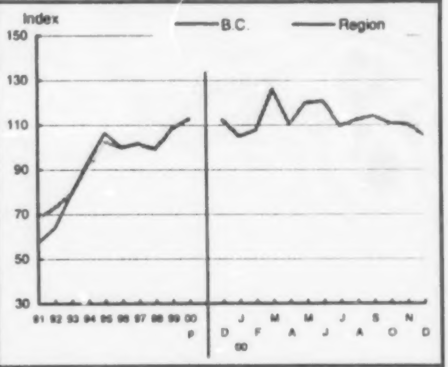
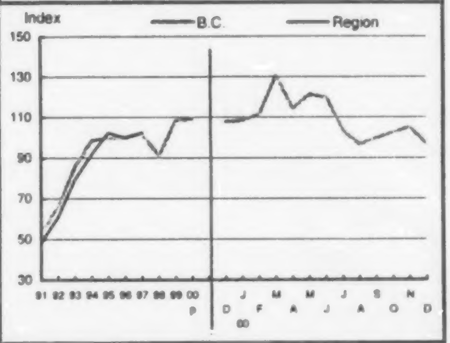
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	1
25	Wood	27	26	31	38	37
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	20	19	23	29	27
30	Metal Fabricating	4	3	3	5	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	54	51	60	74	70
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	891.8	1,033.0	1,152.7	1,125.0	1,153.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	876.3	912.6	893.6	954.2
30	Metal Fabricating	3.4	**	**	**	6.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,153.6	1,365.7	1,547.8	1,452.3	1,481.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	3,708	3,520	3,730	3,835	3,706
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,770	2,758	2,876	2,768
30	Metal Fabricating	36	**	**	**	51
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,737	4,534	4,792	4,906	4,974
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	169.2	171.9	198.4	205.8	200.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	138.2	146.5	151.5	148.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	**	**	**	2.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	216.0	219.5	252.6	259.4	263.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

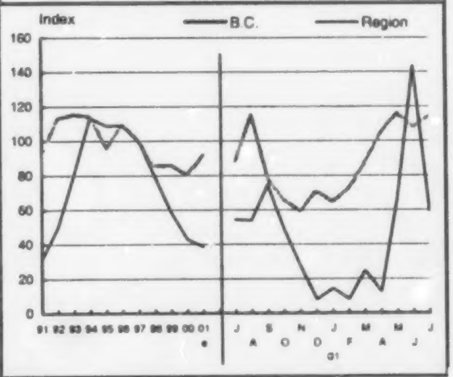


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	90.6	31.8	5.2	11.7	14.9	58.8	628
1995	87.0	34.6	14.2	9.3	11.2	52.3	569
1996	87.3	20.4	10.0	8.5	1.9	66.9	651
1997	79.9	29.9	2.0	7.6	20.3	50.0	477
1998	63.3	30.4	6.9	13.4	10.2	32.8	270
1999	47.0	17.7	4.2	10.9	2.6	29.3	227
2000	34.4	13.9	1.6	9.5	2.8	20.5	113
2001 e	31.0	13.5	2.4	10.0	1.1	17.5	86
Jul '00	20.2	7.7	1.5	3.6	2.6	12.5	67
Jul '01	21.9	11.2	2.2	8.0	1.1	10.7	51

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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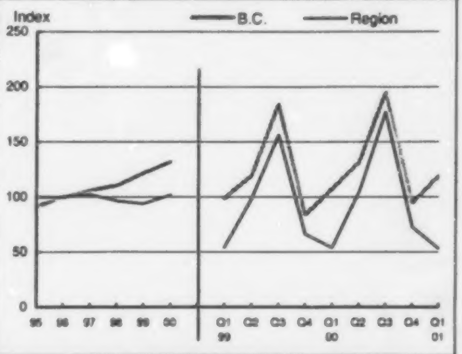
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Regional District	1997	16,874.6	2,340.0	4,541.4	6,962.6	3,030.6
	1998	15,950.9	2,400.7	4,219.5	6,625.6	2,705.1
	1999	15,495.9	2,244.2	4,055.6	6,454.3	2,741.8
	2000	16,825.7	2,227.7	4,296.9	7,298.7	3,002.5
	2001	2,198.3	2,198.3			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Cariboo 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,787.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,117.3	6.7%
Hotels	5,440.5	32.4%
Motels	7,811.9	46.5%
Vacation Rentals	1,026.6	6.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

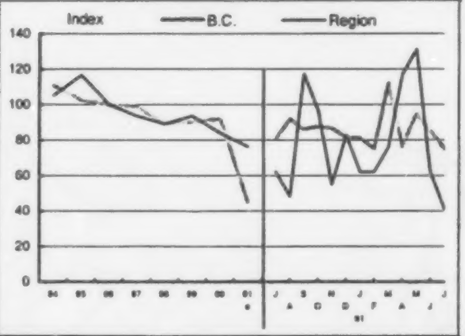


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	183
1995	203
1996	174
1997	163
1998	155
1999	163
2000	146
2001 e	133
Jan-Jul 00	88
Jan-Jul 01	60

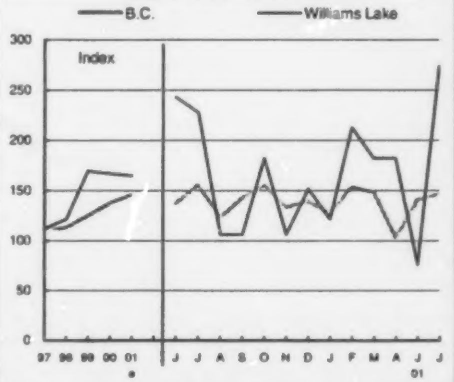
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



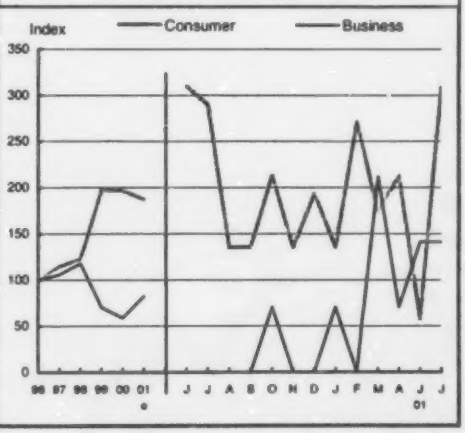
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	62	17	40	18	6436	948
1997	71	18	51	13	7,366	895
1998	76	20	63	11	7,327	1,031
1999	122	12	69	8	8,179	1,075
2000	122	10	81	7	9,181	976
2001 e	116	14	93	4	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	64	5	40	4	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	61	7	46	2	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Regional District	Sep '98	7.9	10.8	10.0	6.5	3.9
	Dec '98	7.9	10.4	11.0	6.5	3.7
	Mar '99	8.1	10.6	11.2	6.8	3.7
	Jun '99	8.0	10.5	10.5	6.7	3.7
	Sep '99	7.5	10.2	9.2	6.2	3.7
	Dec '99	7.4	9.8	9.5	6.3	3.7
	Mar '00	7.4	9.5	9.9	6.3	3.7
	Jun '00	7.5	9.6	10.3	6.4	3.7
	Sep '00	7.1	9.4	9.2	5.9	3.7
	Dec '00	6.9	8.7	9.1	5.8	3.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

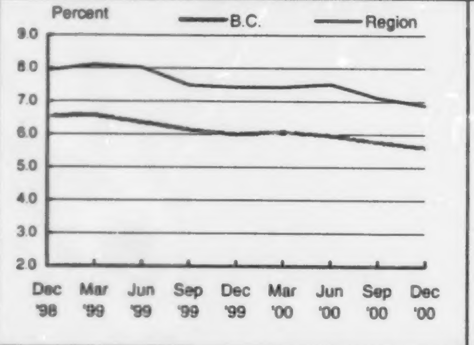
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	4.0	3.6	1.6	Sep '98
4.5	5.6	4.8	2.3	Dec '98
5.7	6.6	6.1	3.0	Mar '99
4.8	4.9	5.2	2.5	Jun '99
4.2	4.4	4.7	2.1	Sep '99
4.1	4.5	4.4	2.2	Dec '99
5.0	5.6	5.3	2.8	Mar '00
4.2	4.3	4.5	2.9	Jun '00
3.0	3.4	3.2	1.7	Sep '00
4.0	4.9	4.2	2.5	Dec '00

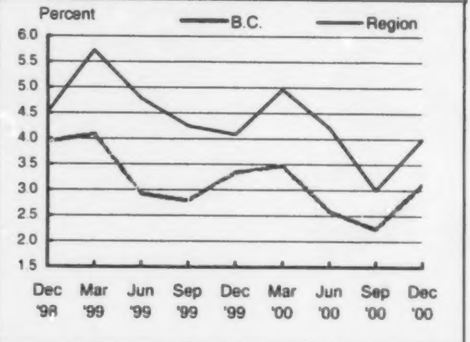
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,386	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.9	41.2
1-2 Years	19.8	17.8
>2 Years	36.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

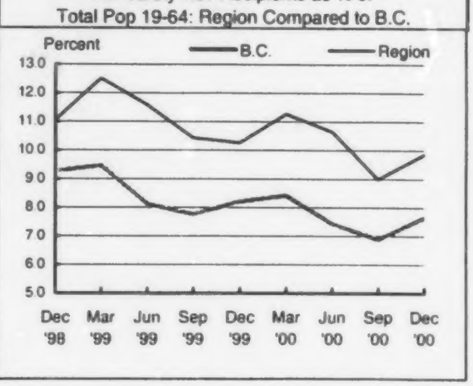
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Regional District	Dec '98	11.1	16.1	11.0	6.7
	Mar '99	12.5	17.3	12.7	7.5
	Jun '99	11.6	15.2	11.9	7.1
	Sep '99	10.4	13.4	10.7	6.5
	Dec '99	10.3	13.5	10.4	6.6
	Mar '00	11.3	15.2	11.4	7.2
	Jun '00	10.7	14.2	10.7	7.4
	Sep '00	9.0	12.3	9.0	6.0
	Dec '00	9.9	13.7	9.8	6.9

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region experienced net migration outflows through much of the eighties, probably due to the downturn in the forest sector. The temporary license for beetle-killed timber has helped boost employment in the forest sector and has attracted more people to the area in recent years. The dependence on male-dominated resource sector industries is the reason for a gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, where there are more females than males. The median age of the population of this area is significantly younger than the provincial median. This is reflected in the child dependency ratio, which is significantly higher than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

This area could experience significant growth if the new mines come on line, although there will likely be outflows due to the recent closures. The cancellation of the temporary licenses for beetle-killed timber, when it occurs, could result in net outflows for a few years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

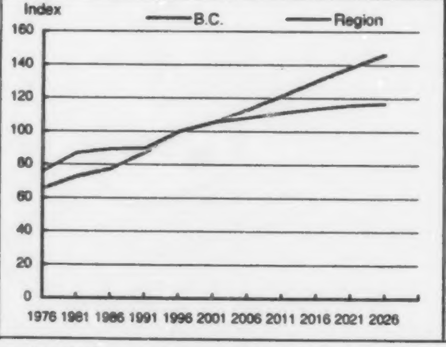
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	5.1	15.0	7.0	15.6	8.1	2.0	52.9	15.2	0.654	0.065	0.719	1976
1981	5.9	14.8	8.4	19.4	9.5	2.7	60.8	18.9	0.555	0.073	0.628	1981
1986	5.4	14.6	6.9	21.0	11.0	3.6	62.5	21.0	0.515	0.092	0.607	1986
1991	4.8	14.1	5.6	20.9	12.6	4.8	62.9	21.9	0.484	0.122	0.607	1991
1996	4.7	14.9	6.5	22.3	15.7	5.9	70.0	25.3	0.443	0.132	0.575	1996
2001	4.3	14.5	7.9	21.1	19.0	7.2	73.8	28.5	0.391	0.149	0.540	2001
2006	4.2	12.8	8.0	20.2	22.0	8.5	75.7	31.2	0.339	0.170	0.509	2006
2011	4.3	11.7	7.4	20.2	23.8	10.4	77.7	33.8	0.312	0.202	0.514	2011
2016	4.3	11.4	6.6	20.9	23.4	13.1	79.6	35.6	0.307	0.257	0.564	2016
2021	4.1	11.7	5.8	21.8	21.8	15.9	81.1	36.7	0.319	0.321	0.640	2021
2026	3.8	11.6	6.0	20.7	21.3	18.4	81.8	37.6	0.320	0.383	0.703	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

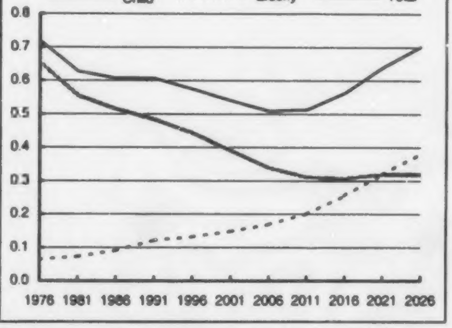
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Central Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Forestry, tourism and fishing dominate the economy of this sparsely populated region. Harvesting is the main activity in the forest sector as there are no large processing facilities in the area. The dependence on harvesting makes this region particularly prone to reductions in Allowable Annual Cuts. The AAC for the Mid Coast Timber Supply Area was reduced in 1992 and although no further cuts were made in the short-term, it is likely that the amount of timber available for harvesting will be further reduced over the long-term. Reduction in the AACs from the creation of the Great Bear Rainforest could result in some migration away from communities whose residents are involved in the harvesting and transportation of Central Coast timber.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Coast								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	72	88	13	7	0	108	100.0%		100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	29	19	7	0	0	26	24.1%		5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%		0.5%	787
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%		0.1%	165
23	Construction	7	9	1	0	0	10	9.3%		10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	3	2	0	1	0	3	2.8%		5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.9%		6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	3	10	2	1	0	13	12.0%		11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	5	6	0	0	0	6	5.6%		4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.9%		1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance		1	0	0	0	1	0.9%		3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6	1	0	0	0	1	0.9%		4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.9%		11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.9%		2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	1	3	0	0	0	3	2.8%		4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services		3	0	2	0	5	4.6%		1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1	6	1	1	0	8	7.4%		8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2	3	0	0	0	3	2.8%		1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	4	8	2	1	0	11	10.2%		7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	7	8	0	0	0	8	7.4%		7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		5	0	1	0	6	5.6%		0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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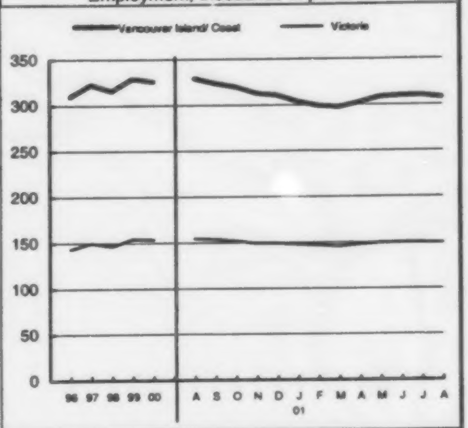
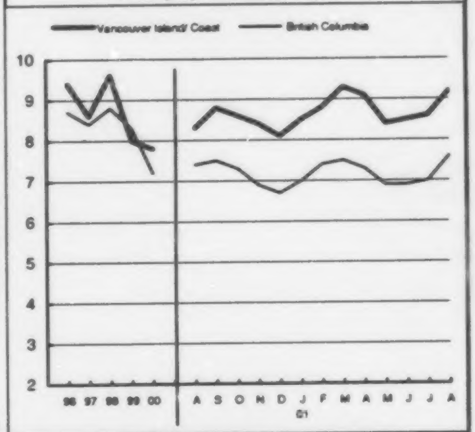
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1991			134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	332.4	7.6	155.4	6.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-8.4		-4.5		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



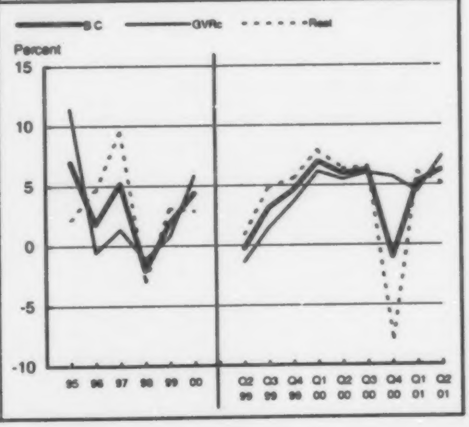
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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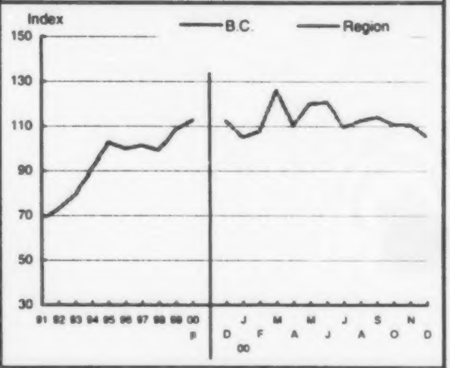
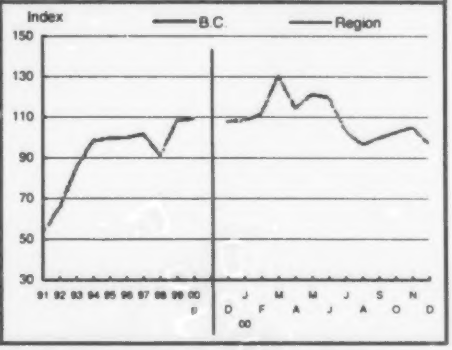
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	6	0	1	1
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2	6	0	1	1
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0	**	**
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

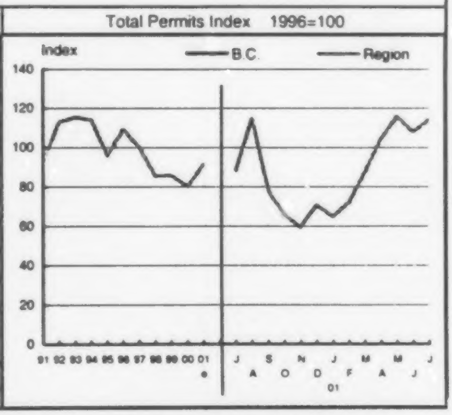


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001 e	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul '00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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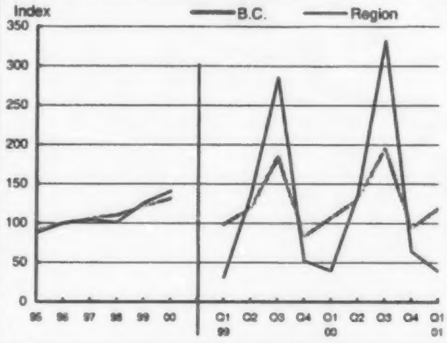
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Coast Regional District	1997	988.4	89.1	208.3	565.1	126.0
	1998	959.0	94.8	295.7	444.7	123.7
	1999	1,194.5	73.8	321.9	674.3	124.5
	2000	1,357.3	93.9	325.4	785.3	152.8
	2001	93.0	93.0			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Central Coast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,334.2	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

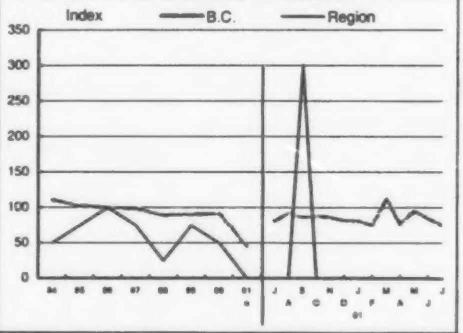


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	2
1995	3
1996	4
1997	3
1998	1
1999	3
2000	2
2001 e	0
Jan-Jul 00	1
Jan-Jul 01	0

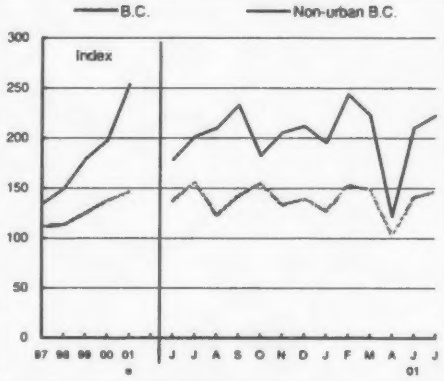
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



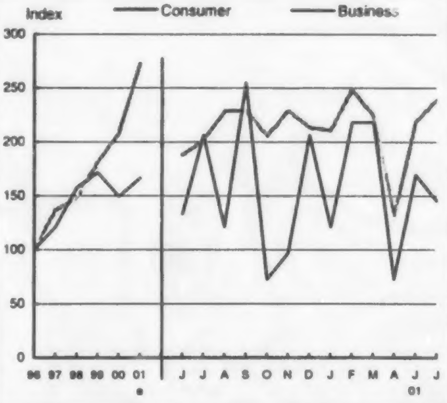
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	646	120	7,366	895		
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031		
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075		
2000	983	148	9,181	976		
2001 e	1,285	165	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Central Coast Regional District	Sep '98	4.9	5.4	6.3	4.6	2.3
	Dec '98	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.7	2.2
	Mar '99	4.9	5.5	6.5	4.5	2.3
	Jun '99	3.7	3.2	-	4.0	2.3
	Sep '99	5.0	5.8	4.9	4.7	2.3
	Dec '99	4.8	5.8	5.6	4.2	2.3
	Mar '00	5.6	6.0	6.7	5.3	2.3
	Jun '00	6.2	6.8	8.5	5.6	2.3
	Sep '00	6.0	8.0	7.2	4.9	2.3
	Dec '00	6.2	7.9	7.4	5.2	2.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

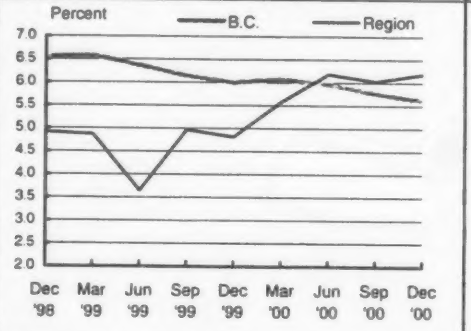
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	4.1	3.1	-	Sep '98
8.7	7.5	9.3	6.0	Dec '98
10.2	9.8	10.8	6.9	Mar '99
5.5	4.3	6.3	1.9	Jun '99
4.8	3.7	5.3	2.5	Sep '99
8.9	7.0	9.4	7.8	Dec '99
9.1	5.8	9.9	7.2	Mar '00
4.1	2.8	4.7	-	Jun '00
3.3	1.8	3.9	-	Sep '00
7.1	4.0	7.9	5.3	Dec '00

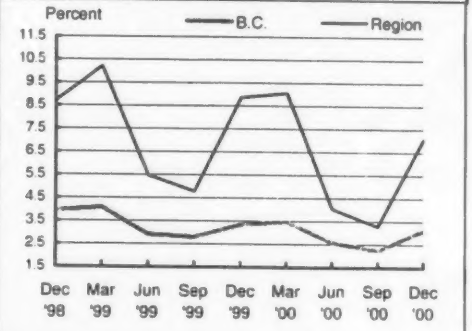
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	125	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	73.0	41.2
1-2 Years	14.8	17.8
>2 Years	12.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

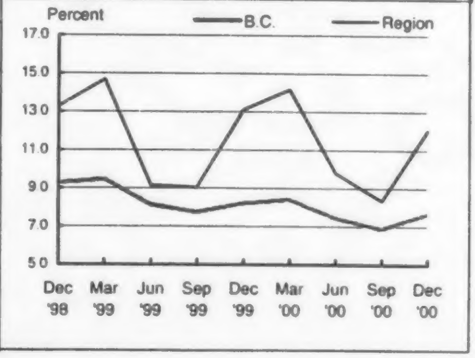
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Central Coast Regional District	Dec '98	13.3	11.5	13.9	10.8
	Mar '99	14.7	16.3	15.2	10.2
	Jun '99	9.1	7.6	10.1	5.1
	Sep '99	9.0	8.4	9.6	6.4
	Dec '99	13.1	12.6	13.4	12.3
	Mar '00	14.2	12.5	14.8	12.1
	Jun '00	9.8	11.3	10.1	6.9
	Sep '00	8.3	8.9	8.7	6.0
	Dec '00	12.0	11.2	12.5	10.5

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The population in this area is largely Native. The Native population tends to be younger, on average, than non-Natives, and as a result, the median age of the population in this area is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children in the population, with the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) significantly higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is significantly lower than the provincial ratio.

There are more men than women in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, where the reverse is the case. The median age of death is substantially younger than for the province as a whole, and this is partly due to this gender bias in favour of men, who tend to have lower life expectancies than women, and partly due to the concentration of Natives, who tend to have lower life expectancies than non-Natives.

14 Projection

This area has generally experienced small net outflows of migrants in the past. This trend will continue or increase if there are losses in coastal AACs from the creation of the Great Bear Rainforest. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) should offset the outmigration for at least the next ten years, although as the population ages, the natural increase will drop and there will likely be a slight population decline over time.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

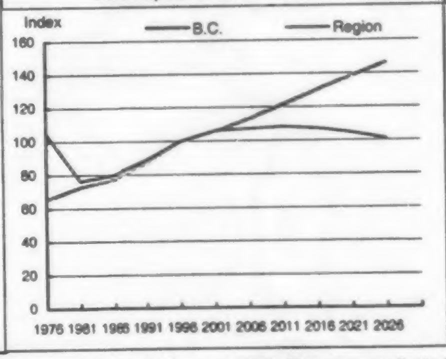
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	0.5	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.2	4.3	1.2	0.729	0.067	0.796	1976
1981	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.1	3.1	0.9	0.601	0.078	0.679	1981
1986	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.2	3.3	1.0	0.528	0.085	0.613	1986
1991	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.6	0.2	3.6	1.2	0.539	0.093	0.632	1991
1996	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.2	4.1	1.4	0.492	0.097	0.588	1996
2001	0.3	1.0	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.3	4.3	1.6	0.455	0.113	0.569	2001
2006	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.4	4.4	1.7	0.407	0.132	0.539	2006
2011	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.3	0.5	4.4	1.8	0.357	0.177	0.534	2011
2016	0.2	0.7	0.4	1.0	1.4	0.7	4.4	1.9	0.341	0.234	0.575	2016
2021	0.2	0.6	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.8	4.3	1.9	0.320	0.311	0.631	2021
2026	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.9	1.2	0.9	4.1	1.9	0.312	0.390	0.702	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

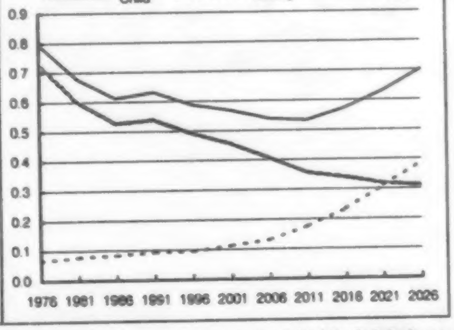
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Central Kootenay
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, Slocan

Forestry is one of the main economic drivers for this region, particularly in the Castlegar and Arrow Lakes areas. Construction activity associated with the major dams in the area is another important economic driver.

There are major hydroelectric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost the employment base for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit to begin in 2002. The Keenleyside dam construction and the Brilliant dam upgrading are underway, completing by 2002, while the Brilliant dam expansion should complete by 2005.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,535	2,303	152	60	12	2,527	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	149	271	14	4	0	289	11.4%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	10	1	0	0	11	0.4%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	3	7	0	0	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	312	262	9	4	1	276	10.9%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	59	110	8	6	3	127	5.0%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	46	67	7	0	0	74	2.9%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	149	327	21	13	0	361	14.3%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	77	145	0	1	0	146	5.8%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	32	3	0	0	35	1.4%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	56	39	4	1	0	44	1.7%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	191	83	5	0	0	88	3.5%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	138	183	2	2	0	187	7.4%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	54	28	2	1	0	31	1.2%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	55	75	3	0	0	78	3.1%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	12	21	1	4	3	29	1.1%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	159	23	12	4	198	7.8%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27	70	4	1	0	75	3.0%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	64	183	39	7	0	229	9.1%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	114	192	5	0	1	198	7.8%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	1	39	1	4	0	44	1.7%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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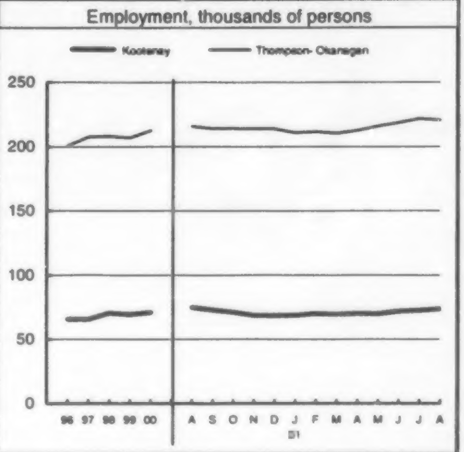
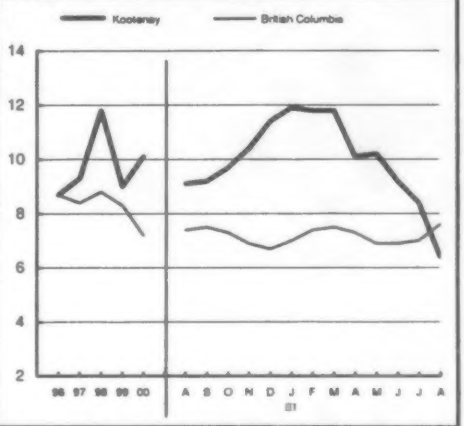
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	67.4	9.6	204.1	9.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	68.5	10.1	204.9	9.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	69.6	10.1	206.0	10.3	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	70.5	11.1	207.6	11.4	1,919.7	7.4
	May	71.8	10.8	212.8	10.9	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	73.7	9.9	216.7	9.8	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	74.7	9.5	219.0	8.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	74.8	9.1	215.8	8.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	72.8	9.2	214.1	8.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	71.0	9.7	214.2	8.4	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	68.7	10.4	213.9	8.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	68.5	11.4	213.9	8.0	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	69.9	10.2	216.0	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	72.0	9.2	218.7	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	72.6	8.4	221.8	9.2	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	73.7	6.4	220.7	10.3	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	72.3	9.9	212.0	9.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	71.6	9.2	216.4	9.6	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-1.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



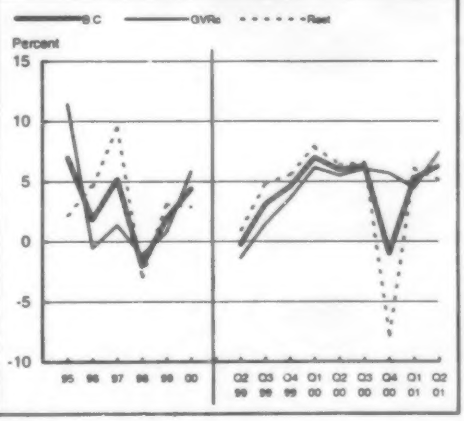
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
Quarterly data	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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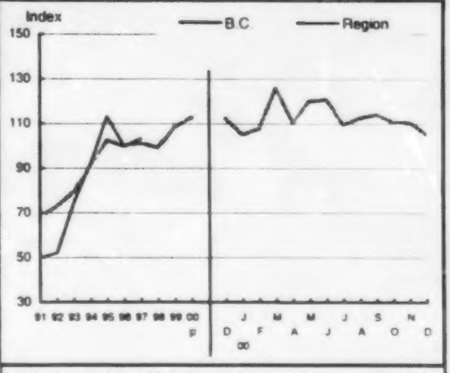
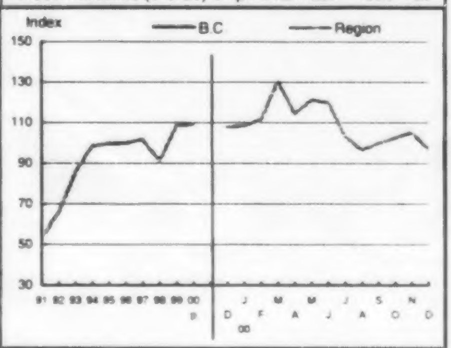
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	1	1	0
25	Wood	13	12	13	16	16
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	8	9	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	4	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	29	28	33	37	34
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	224.9	**	**	**	283.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	218.9	233.7	259.6	252.4	275.6
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	376.6	466.3	571.3	505.5	522.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,052	**	**	**	1,126
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,002	852	1,002	924	1,046
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,740	1,577	1,743	1,635	1,846
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.4	**	**	**	48.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	40.6	35.6	45.5	40.8	46.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.1	71.5	84.4	78.1	87.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix

Note: Charted data joins published points, on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials

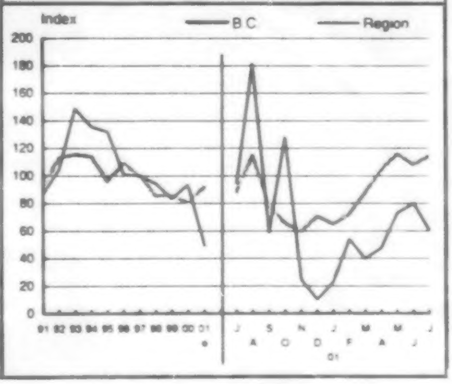
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	84.1	21.6	2.3	8.7	10.5	62.5	568
1995	82.0	35.4	1.1	11.5	22.9	46.6	480
1996	62.8	19.7	0.7	16.0	3.1	43.1	435
1997	62.0	12.0	1.1	9.5	1.5	50.0	445
1998	58.5	18.1	4.0	8.7	5.4	40.4	356
1999	51.7	14.3	1.6	8.4	4.3	37.3	351
2000	58.0	26.9	3.9	8.3	14.7	31.1	244
2001 e	30.5	9.9	1.0	3.0	5.9	20.6	130
Jul '00	37.2	16.6	3.5	6.8	6.3	20.7	162
Jul '01	19.5	5.9	0.9	2.5	2.5	13.7	86

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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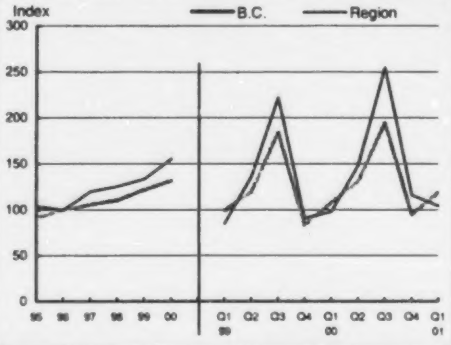
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Kootenay Regional District	1997	12,874.6	1,908.2	3,508.5	5,272.7	2,185.1
	1998	13,468.2	2,257.0	3,483.2	5,508.9	2,219.1
	1999	14,351.6	2,279.4	3,670.4	5,962.7	2,439.1
	2000	16,567.9	2,625.4	3,987.5	6,843.7	3,111.3
	2001	2,801.1	2,801.1			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Central Kootenay 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,683.8	100.0%
Hotels	9,003.6	54.0%
Motels	5,956.9	35.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

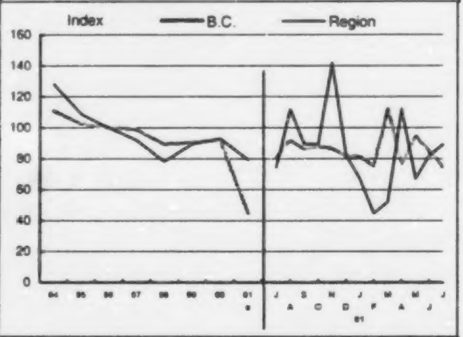


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	206
1995	175
1996	161
1997	148
1998	126
1999	144
2000	150
2001 e	128
Jan-Jul 00	81
Jan-Jul 01	69

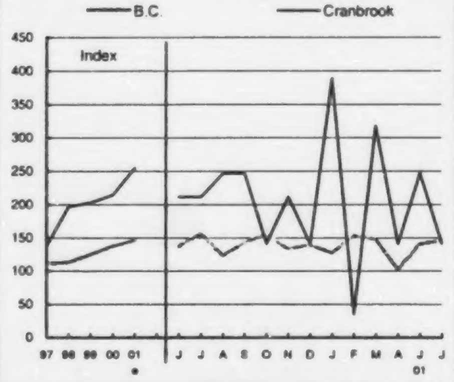
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



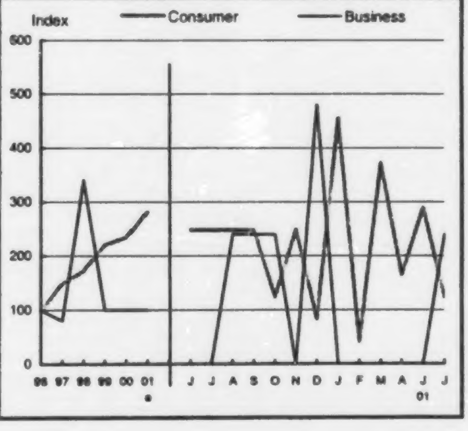
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	29	5	472	99	6436	948
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	82	5	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	35	3	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	42	3	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Sep '98	8.0	11.0	9.9	7.0	4.0
	Dec '98	7.7	10.4	10.2	6.8	3.7
	Mar '99	8.1	11.0	10.6	7.3	3.7
	Jun '99	8.0	11.3	9.8	7.0	3.7
	Sep '99	7.7	11.0	9.0	6.7	3.7
	Dec '99	7.6	10.6	8.7	6.7	3.7
	Mar '00	7.9	10.9	9.8	7.0	3.7
	Jun '00	7.7	10.9	8.8	6.8	3.7
	Sep '00	7.3	10.4	8.0	6.5	3.7
	Dec '00	7.1	9.9	8.0	6.4	3.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

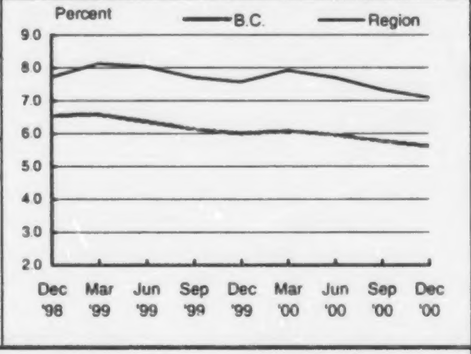
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.3	3.6	3.7	1.3	Sep '98
5.4	6.9	5.9	2.3	Dec '98
5.8	7.3	6.3	2.7	Mar '99
3.3	3.9	3.7	1.4	Jun '99
3.1	3.4	3.6	1.3	Sep '99
4.4	5.5	4.8	2.0	Dec '99
5.0	6.2	5.5	2.3	Mar '00
2.9	3.2	3.3	1.5	Jun '00
2.6	2.9	2.9	1.0	Sep '00
4.6	5.3	5.1	2.1	Dec '00

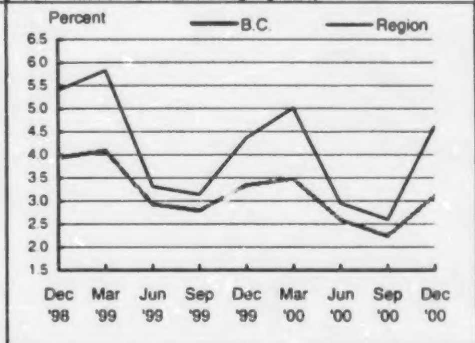
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,702	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.2	41.2
1-2 Years	18.6	17.8
>2 Years	34.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

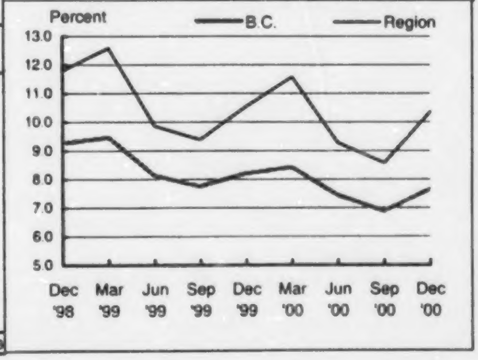
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Dec '98	11.8	16.8	12.5	5.6
	Mar '99	12.6	17.5	13.4	5.9
	Jun '99	9.9	13.5	10.5	4.6
	Sep '99	9.4	12.1	10.1	4.5
	Dec '99	10.5	13.8	11.3	5.0
	Mar '00	11.6	15.9	12.4	5.4
	Jun '00	9.3	11.8	10.0	4.5
	Sep '00	8.6	10.7	9.3	4.1
	Dec '00	10.4	13.0	11.2	5.1

rior to June '97. double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many resource dependent regions in the province, this area experienced net migration outflows in the mid-eighties due to the downturn in the resource sectors. However, net migration to this region through most of the nineties was fairly high.

The median age of the population in this region is significantly higher than the provincial median age. This is reflected in the proportion of elderly in the population, which is higher than the corresponding provincial figure, but there are also proportionately more children as well.

14 Projection

The construction activity associated with the dam upgrading and expansion should provide a boost in migration to this region, although following the period of construction; there will likely be a small outflow as the non-local portion of the construction force moves on. Nevertheless, net migration should be positive throughout most of the projection period. The net migration should more than offset losses due to an excess of deaths over births later in the projection and this will result in continuous population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	12.0	6.1	12.5	10.6	5.5	50.2	16.8	0.534	0.187	0.721	1976
1981	3.8	11.2	6.0	15.3	10.5	6.6	53.4	19.6	0.470	0.209	0.678	1981
1986	3.6	9.7	4.5	14.9	10.6	7.6	50.9	20.1	0.442	0.253	0.695	1986
1991	3.4	9.7	4.3	15.5	11.3	8.1	52.3	20.7	0.422	0.259	0.682	1991
1996	3.4	11.4	4.9	17.4	14.4	8.8	60.3	24.2	0.403	0.239	0.642	1996
2001	2.8	10.6	6.2	15.8	17.0	9.5	62.0	25.7	0.345	0.244	0.589	2001
2006	3.1	9.5	6.4	16.0	19.4	10.4	64.9	28.9	0.302	0.250	0.552	2006
2011	3.4	9.1	5.9	17.3	21.0	11.5	68.3	31.6	0.284	0.260	0.543	2011
2016	3.5	9.6	5.2	18.7	21.0	13.7	71.8	33.9	0.292	0.304	0.596	2016
2021	3.4	10.3	5.0	19.6	20.4	16.1	74.7	35.4	0.304	0.358	0.662	2021
2026	3.3	10.5	5.5	18.8	20.9	18.2	77.1	37.0	0.304	0.404	0.708	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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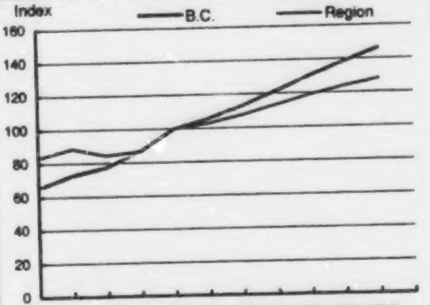

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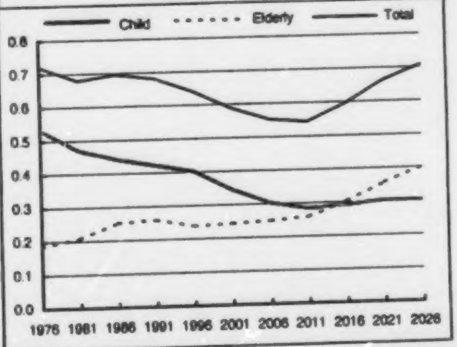

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Central Okanagan
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Kelowna, Lake Country, Peachland

The economy of this region is well diversified. Tourism, forestry, and agriculture all are important industries in the region. The warm climate makes this area one of the more important agricultural centres (for tree fruits and wine grapes) in the province and is one of the attractions for tourists. It also makes the region a popular retirement centre.

The stability of the agricultural and tourism sectors and the popularity of the region as a retirement centre should ensure continued growth for this region. The Coquihalla highway has made this area even more popular as a tourist destination, and the improved transportation links to the Lower Mainland have enhanced the Central Okanagan as a place to locate secondary industry.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000

New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,040	5,626	568	221	28	6,443	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	206	370	14	4	1	389	6.0%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	18	31	1	0	0	32	0.5%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	12	9	1	1	0	11	0.2%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	1,131	824	70	18	0	912	14.2%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	179	249	51	19	6	325	5.0%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	260	359	29	4	1	393	6.1%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	336	636	80	36	4	756	11.7%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	214	177	12	11	2	202	3.1%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	36	39	10	5	0	54	0.8%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	321	231	26	6	1	264	4.1%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	731	301	28	10	1	340	5.3%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	509	558	16	8	0	582	9.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	307	192	25	3	1	221	3.4%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	217	274	21	8	0	303	4.7%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	29	53	6	3	2	64	1.0%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	50	500	41	17	4	562	8.7%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	59	74	16	10	0	100	1.6%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	138	267	98	54	3	422	6.5%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	286	462	21	2	0	485	7.5%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	1	20	2	2	2	26	0.4%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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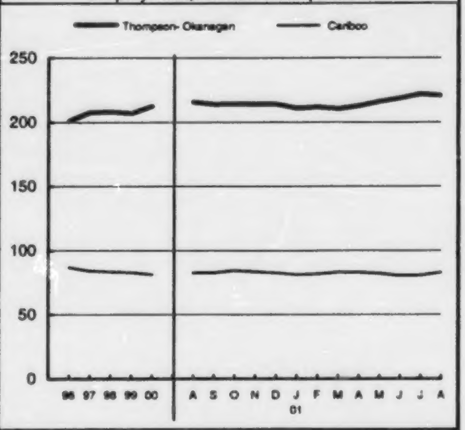
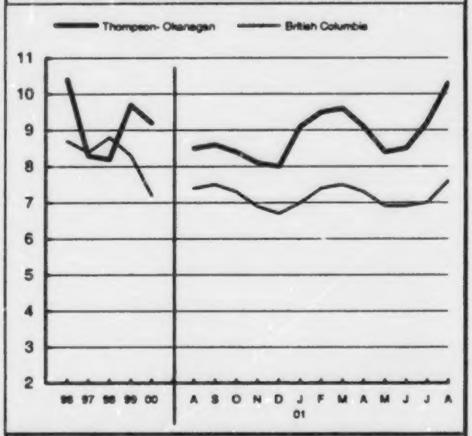
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.5	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	212.0	9.8	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.1		2.1		0.8	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



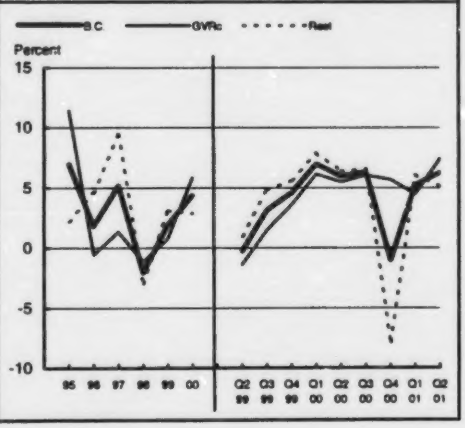
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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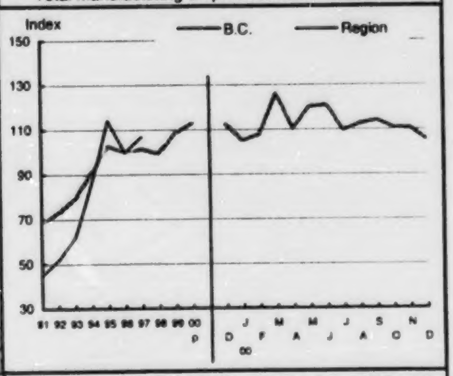
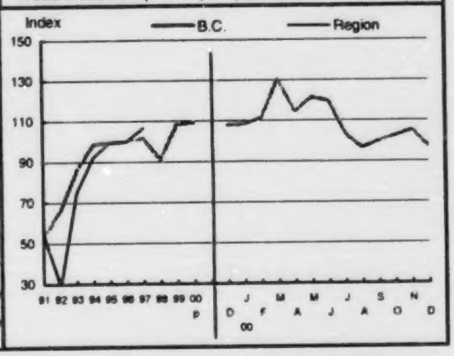
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	3	4	4	3
25	Wood	22	23	21	21	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	4	3	3
30	Metal Fabricating	17	17	18	23	24
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	106	122	135	131
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	153.9	189.1	203.9	205.1	218.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	48.0	48.3	53.5	56.1	62.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	640.1	890.0	1,175.9	1,031.0	1,101.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,103	1,144	991	887	999
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	553	494	546	551	598
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,271	4,828	5,349	4,802	5,044
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.1	47.8	45.6	46.7	49.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	16.6	15.2	18.2	19.7	20.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	143.6	171.3	193.3	180.7	189.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

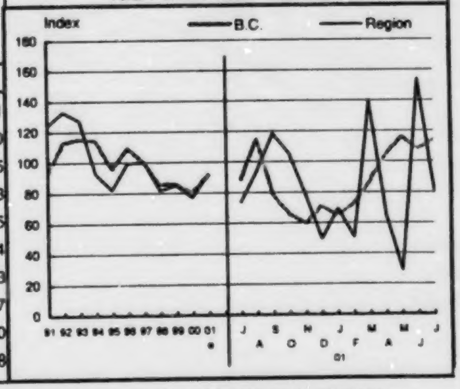


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
Year	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	195.0	55.0	10.2	34.6	10.2	139.9	1,391
1995	173.3	58.1	8.2	28.9	20.9	115.2	1,190
1996	209.8	70.6	7.8	37.0	25.8	139.2	1,555
1997	210.9	63.7	13.0	34.9	15.7	147.2	1,433
1998	172.0	79.0	17.0	55.8	6.1	93.0	895
1999	179.4	77.5	8.7	32.1	36.7	102.0	1,004
2000	162.4	71.6	14.4	31.6	25.6	90.8	833
2001 e	194.4	74.5	7.8	38.5	28.3	119.8	1,047
Jul '00	84.1	31.5	5.3	16.3	9.9	52.6	420
Jul '01	103.1	33.6	2.9	19.8	10.9	69.5	528

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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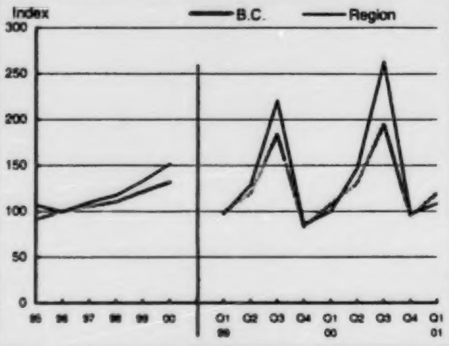
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Okanagan Regional District	1997	40,600.8	6,775.4	10,620.5	16,760.6	6,444.3
	1998	43,313.4	7,253.0	11,112.1	18,056.4	6,892.0
	1999	49,068.3	8,952.3	11,900.4	20,333.0	7,882.5
	2000	56,024.0	9,215.3	13,569.1	24,295.8	8,943.8
	2001	10,004.0	10,004.0			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Central Okanagan 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	55,912.8	100.0%
Hotels	38,593.6	69.0%
76+ Rooms	32,634.4	58.4%
1-75 Rooms	5,959.2	10.7%
Motels	10,966.0	19.6%
Vacation Rentals	6,082.8	10.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

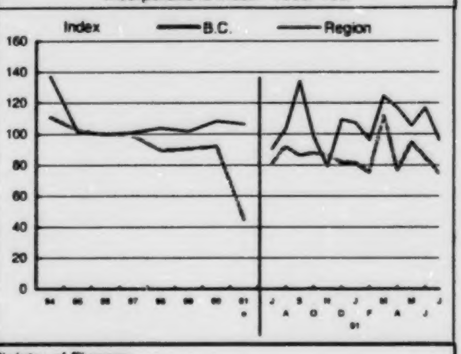


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	673
1995	642
1996	637
1997	644
1998	662
1999	649
2000	690
2001 e	678
Jan-Jul 00	412
Jan-Jul 01	405

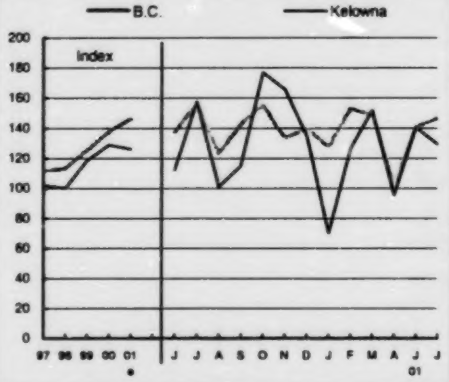
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



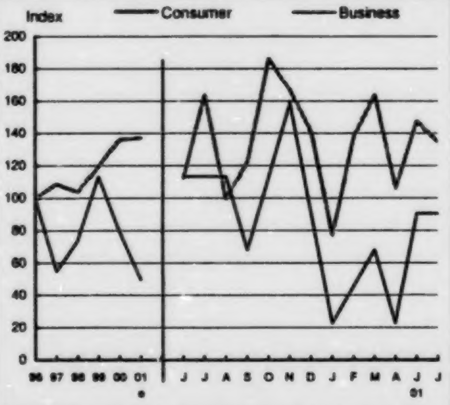
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	374	53	472	99	6436	948
1997	407	29	646	120	7,366	895
1998	389	39	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	446	60	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	509	42	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	513	26	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	262	24	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	264	15	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Sep '98	6.0	9.0	6.8	4.9	3.1
	Dec '98	5.7	8.1	6.6	4.9	2.8
	Mar '99	5.9	8.5	7.8	5.0	2.9
	Jun '99	5.9	8.5	7.6	4.9	2.9
	Sep '99	5.6	8.4	7.2	4.6	2.9
	Dec '99	5.6	8.2	7.5	4.6	2.9
	Mar '00	5.8	8.5	7.9	4.8	2.9
	Jun '00	5.5	8.2	7.3	4.5	2.9
	Sep '00	5.5	8.3	7.1	4.5	2.9
	Dec '00	5.4	8.0	7.2	4.5	2.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

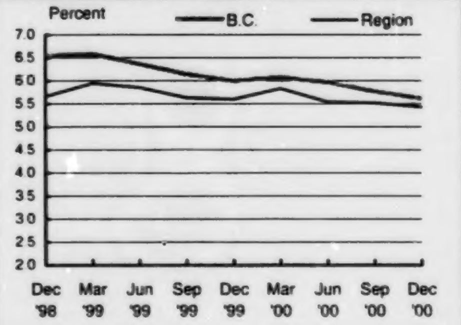
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.9	3.1	3.3	1.5	Sep '98
4.6	5.1	5.0	2.5	Dec '98
5.0	5.6	5.4	2.7	Mar '99
3.4	3.8	3.7	1.8	Jun '99
3.2	3.2	3.5	1.8	Sep '99
4.0	4.2	4.3	2.4	Dec '99
4.5	4.8	4.9	2.6	Mar '00
3.4	3.8	3.6	2.0	Jun '00
2.9	3.2	3.2	1.5	Sep '00
4.5	5.0	4.9	2.6	Dec '00

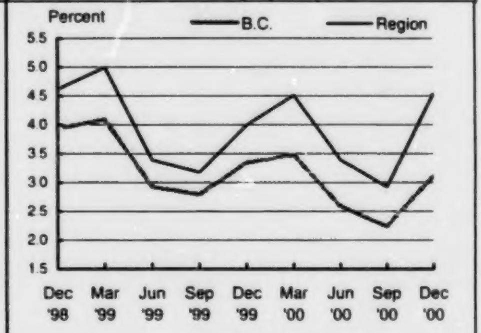
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	6,735	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.7	41.2
1-2 Years	17.7	17.8
>2 Years	31.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

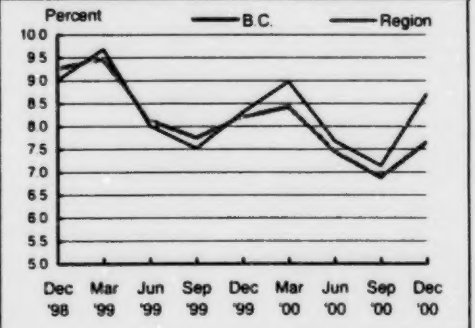
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Dec '98	9.0	11.3	9.6	4.9
	Mar '99	9.7	13.0	10.2	5.2
	Jun '99	8.0	11.1	8.4	4.2
	Sep '99	7.5	10.0	7.9	4.0
	Dec '99	8.3	11.1	8.7	4.5
	Mar '00	9.0	12.0	9.4	4.9
	Jun '00	7.7	10.7	7.9	4.3
	Sep '00	7.1	10.0	7.4	3.7
	Dec '00	8.7	11.7	9.1	4.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

High inflows of interprovincial migrants have resulted in the population of this area more than doubling in the last 25 years. This region was one of the highest growth areas in the province through the nineties.

Due to the presence of a large retirement base, the median age of the population is significantly higher than the provincial median. Since women tend to live longer than men, this also helps explain the bias towards females in the gender ratio. The ratio of females to males is significantly higher than the provincial ratio. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the ratio for the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The diversity of the economy and the pleasant climate make this area one of the more popular locations to move to in the province. This will likely continue to be the case for some time and this region can expect to continue to receive large net inflows of migrants throughout the projection period. As the population ages, the natural increase will decline and will eventually become negative. Despite declining natural increase, population growth in this area will remain strong due to the net inflows of migrants.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.6	17.3	8.4	18.2	15.3	9.0	72.9	24.4	0.524	0.215	0.739	1976
1981	5.3	17.2	10.3	23.5	18.6	12.5	87.3	31.9	0.428	0.238	0.666	1981
1986	5.6	16.0	9.5	25.8	20.4	15.5	92.8	36.4	0.388	0.278	0.667	1986
1991	7.1	19.0	9.8	34.1	24.7	20.0	114.7	44.5	0.380	0.291	0.671	1991
1996	8.3	24.0	12.1	42.5	31.2	23.9	141.9	55.8	0.377	0.279	0.656	1996
2001	7.4	26.1	13.7	45.0	38.1	27.8	158.1	64.9	0.346	0.287	0.633	2001
2006	8.4	26.5	16.1	49.6	47.8	31.3	179.8	77.4	0.308	0.276	0.584	2006
2011	9.4	26.9	17.0	53.8	56.9	34.8	198.8	88.9	0.284	0.272	0.557	2011
2016	10.3	28.7	17.2	59.0	63.2	40.5	218.9	100.2	0.279	0.291	0.570	2016
2021	10.8	31.3	17.1	63.6	68.0	47.6	238.3	109.9	0.283	0.320	0.603	2021
2026	11.1	33.3	18.6	66.0	71.9	56.0	256.9	119.8	0.284	0.358	0.641	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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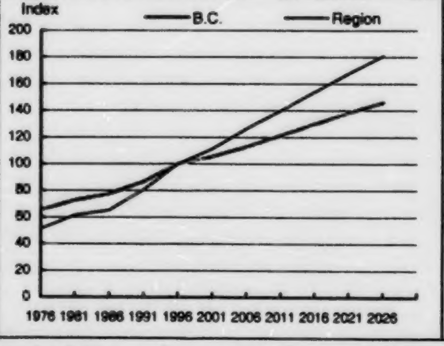

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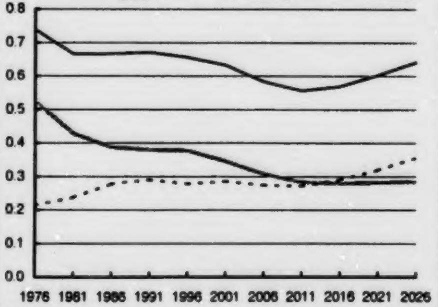

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

QRS
Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Sicamous

The economy of this region is based on forestry, tourism and services and construction related to rail transportation and hydro facilities. In the past, the Revelstoke area was the beneficiary of several mega-projects, and as a result, received large inflows of migrants. However, once the projects were completed, many of these people moved on, suggesting the construction activity was artificially propping up the population. The Golden area has experienced a surge in population related to the construction and operation of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, which opened during 2000.

The resource sectors in this region have been struggling over the last few years with mill and mine closures occurring. The Evans Forest Products' mill, now owned by Louisiana-Pacific, has managed to stay operating, which is good news for the region. However, if the Evans mill ever does shut down permanently, there will likely be significant population effects for this area. There are some promising mineral deposits in the region that could lead to future mine development.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 **New!**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Columbia-Shuswap							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,684	1,996	152	54	9	2,211	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	185	255	16	0	0	271	12.3%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	7	8	0	0	0	8	0.4%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	3	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	312	284	4	5	0	293	13.3%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	68	105	9	9	4	127	5.7%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	53	83	6	0	0	89	4.0%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	125	261	22	10	0	293	13.3%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	99	105	11	1	0	117	5.3%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	18	15	2	0	0	17	0.8%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	79	36	4	1	0	41	1.9%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	256	80	10	2	0	92	4.2%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	125	141	0	2	0	143	6.5%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	79	31	3	1	0	35	1.6%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	50	82	2	1	1	86	3.9%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	9	10	1	1	3	15	0.7%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	11	113	10	5	1	129	5.8%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	33	46	9	2	0	57	2.6%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	80	176	37	12	0	225	10.2%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	92	156	4	0	0	160	7.2%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		5	2	2	0	9	0.4%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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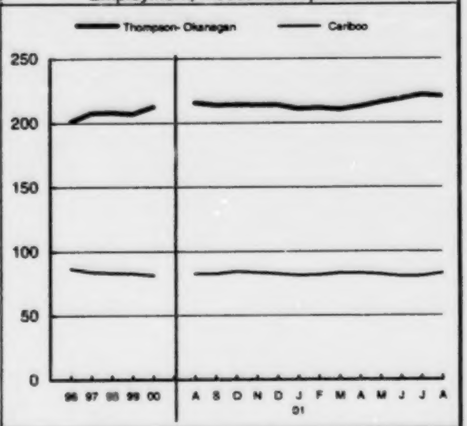
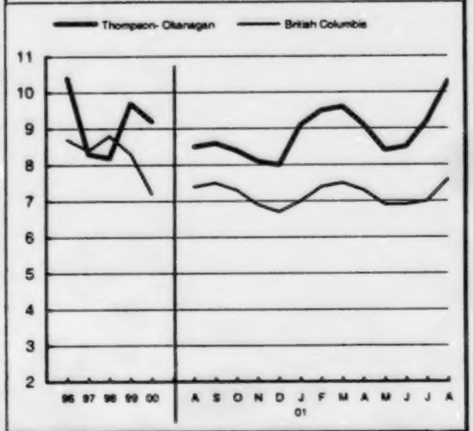
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	212.0	9.8	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



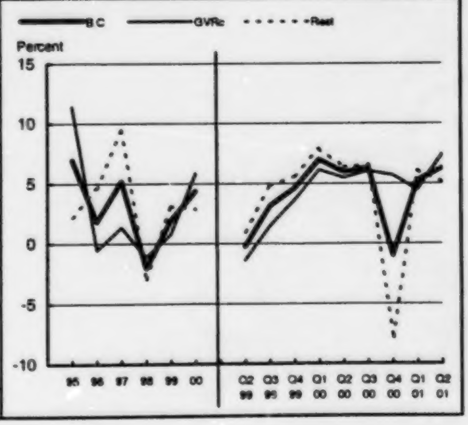
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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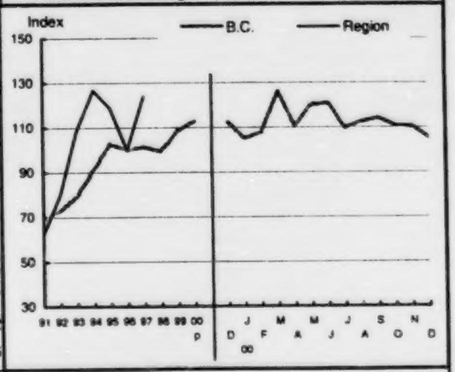
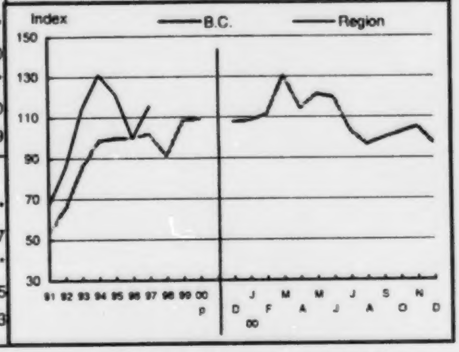
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	3	2
25	Wood	21	19	19	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	15	14	15	18	17
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	6	6	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	45	42	48	51	49
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	6.9	**
25	Wood	294.0	337.6	312.6	257.7	297.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	204.9	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.4	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	384.0	448.0	420.2	353.8	438.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	20	**
25	Wood	1,415	1,429	1,322	1,145	1,230
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	952	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	37	38	39	32	40
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,910	2,061	1,982	1,740	1,939
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	0.7	**
25	Wood	59.4	65.9	61.7	52.0	54.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	39.7	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.2	92.1	89.8	78.7	89.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

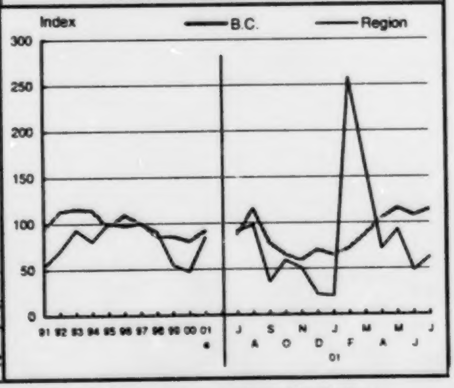
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	43.0	10.9	1.5	7.8	1.7	32.0	280
1995	53.5	18.5	3.8	14.2	0.6	35.0	371
1996	51.8	24.3	3.3	6.1	15.0	27.5	275
1997	53.4	19.9	6.8	9.6	3.6	33.5	321
1998	48.7	34.3	1.9	21.7	10.6	14.5	94
1999	29.2	13.9	1.1	9.1	3.7	15.3	124
2000	25.4	13.6	3.0	7.6	3.1	11.7	77
2001 e	45.1	30.3	0.8	21.3	8.2	14.8	108
Jul '00	13.5	7.5	2.7	4.1	0.8	6.0	37
Jul '01	31.9	24.3	0.8	17.1	6.5	7.6	52

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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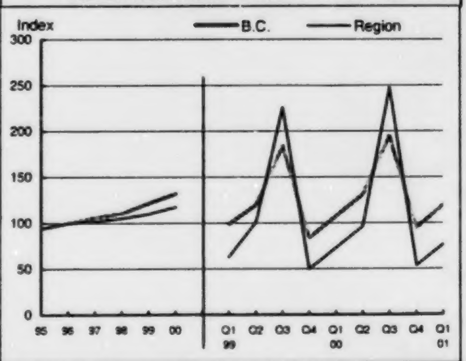
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	1997	26,811.1	4,103.3	5,897.9	13,821.2	2,988.7
	1998	27,681.0	4,213.6	6,069.1	14,306.7	3,091.5
	1999	28,932.7	4,168.0	6,629.2	14,863.5	3,272.0
	2000	30,937.8	4,793.8	6,335.9	16,282.1	3,525.9
	2001	5,020.3	5,020.3			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Columbia-Shuswap 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	30,921.7	100.0%
Hotels	13,550.3	43.8%
Motels	11,968.9	38.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

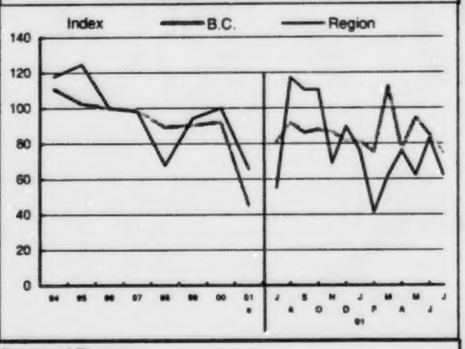


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	205
1995	217
1996	174
1997	171
1998	118
1999	164
2000	174
2001 e	114
Jan-Jul 00	102
Jan-Jul 01	67

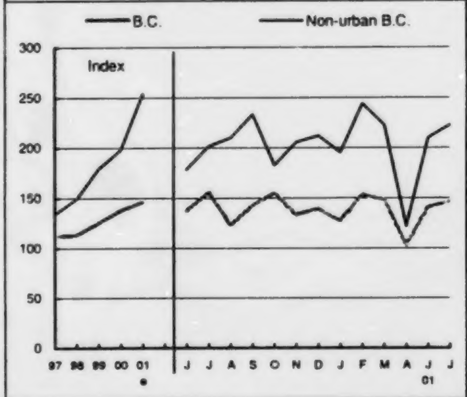
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



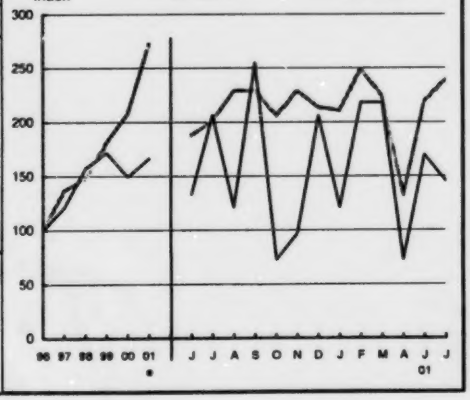
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	646	120	7,366	895		
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031		
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075		
2000	983	148	9,181	976		
2001 e	1,285	165	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Sep '98	6.1	8.8	7.7	5.2	3.2
	Dec '98	6.1	8.6	8.2	5.3	3.0
	Mar '99	6.4	8.8	8.5	5.6	3.0
	Jun '99	6.0	8.3	7.5	5.2	3.0
	Sep '99	5.7	8.3	6.6	4.8	3.0
	Dec '99	6.0	8.8	8.1	5.0	3.0
	Mar '00	6.5	9.3	9.1	5.4	3.0
	Jun '00	6.2	9.0	8.2	5.1	3.0
	Sep '00	6.1	8.9	7.8	5.1	3.0
	Dec '00	6.2	8.9	7.9	5.3	3.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

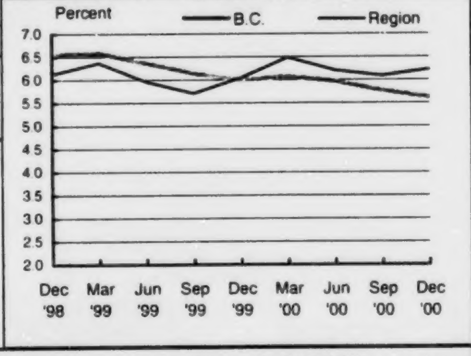
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	3.1	3.7	2.0	Sep '98
5.2	6.3	5.6	2.9	Dec '98
6.1	7.0	6.8	3.1	Mar '99
3.5	3.9	3.8	1.9	Jun '99
3.3	3.1	3.8	1.6	Sep '99
4.9	6.1	5.4	2.4	Dec '99
5.9	7.3	6.5	2.9	Mar '00
3.0	3.7	3.3	1.6	Jun '00
2.7	3.1	3.0	1.3	Sep '00
5.2	6.6	5.4	3.0	Dec '00

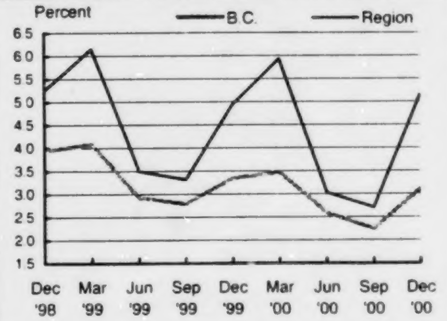
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,769	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.3	41.2
1-2 Years	17.8	17.8
>2 Years	32.0	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

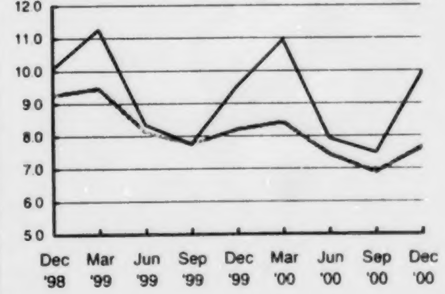
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Dec '98	10.1	14.0	10.6	5.3
	Mar '99	11.3	15.3	12.1	5.5
	Jun '99	8.4	11.2	8.9	4.3
	Sep '99	7.8	9.5	8.4	4.2
	Dec '99	9.5	13.5	10.0	5.0
	Mar '00	11.0	15.8	11.5	5.4
	Jun '00	7.9	11.6	8.3	4.2
	Sep '00	7.5	10.6	7.9	3.7
	Dec '00	10.0	13.9	10.4	5.6

*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region experienced net outflows of migrants through the mid-eighties due to the downturn in the resource sectors. Net migration to the region has been high in recent years. The climate of the region has drawn a significant number of retirees, particularly to the Salmon Arm area, and as a result, the median age of the region's population is significantly higher than the provincial median.

Due to the dependence on the male-dominated resource industries, the gender ratio of this area is weighted in favour of males. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

Losses in the forest and mining sectors will dampen migration to this area somewhat, but the location of the Salmon Arm area, just north of the North and Central Okanagan and east of Kamloops, should result in spin-off growth from those areas. As a result, migration to the region as a whole will likely be positive, although at lower levels than that experienced in recent years. The end result will be reasonably strong population growth for this region over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

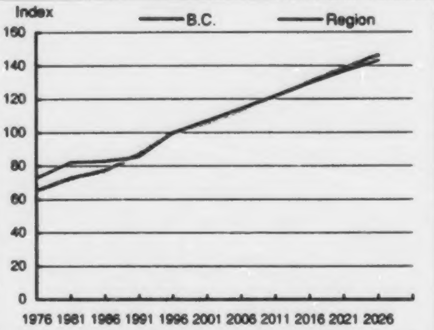
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	2.7	9.6	4.6	9.6	7.1	2.8	36.4	11.5	0.576	0.131	0.707	1976
1981	3.2	9.0	5.3	11.9	8.0	3.7	41.1	14.3	0.482	0.148	0.631	1981
1986	3.0	8.1	4.3	12.7	8.5	4.8	41.4	15.6	0.439	0.188	0.626	1986
1991	3.0	8.1	3.5	13.1	9.3	5.8	42.7	16.3	0.429	0.224	0.653	1991
1996	3.0	9.5	3.8	14.9	11.7	7.1	50.0	19.5	0.411	0.233	0.644	1996
2001	2.4	9.5	5.0	14.4	14.0	8.3	53.5	21.7	0.356	0.249	0.605	2001
2006	2.6	8.6	5.4	14.4	16.7	9.5	57.2	24.9	0.307	0.261	0.568	2006
2011	2.8	8.1	5.3	15.2	18.7	10.9	60.9	27.9	0.276	0.277	0.554	2011
2016	2.9	8.2	4.9	16.4	19.5	12.8	64.7	30.7	0.273	0.314	0.587	2016
2021	2.9	8.9	4.4	17.6	19.4	15.1	68.3	32.6	0.284	0.365	0.649	2021
2026	2.8	9.2	4.8	17.2	19.7	17.7	71.5	34.7	0.287	0.425	0.712	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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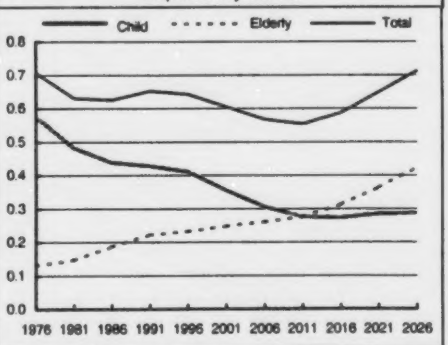

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos

Forestry is the most significant economic activity in this region. Some of the smaller municipalities, in particular, are highly dependent on the forest sector. Other important resource sectors in this region are mining and fishing. There are currently two major mines in the region: the Quinsam Coal Mine and the Myra Falls Mine, both near Campbell River.

Developments that will affect the population of this region include the closure of the pulp mill at Gold River, the likely closure of the Tahsis lumber mill, and the closures of the coal and metal mines some time during the projection. The pulp mill closure has had a significant impact on the town of Gold River and has already resulted in some population movement from the area. The Tahsis mill closure would result in substantial net migration outflows beginning in 2001.The mines are not scheduled to close for some time, but when they do, there will likely be a significant population impact. The Quinsam mine has experienced some major layoffs in the last few years and there may be population impacts as a result.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Comox-Strathcona							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,825	3,530	283	88	24	3,925	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	334	406	34	16	3	459	11.7%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	9	5	0	2	2	9	0.2%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	580	432	19	6	0	457	11.6%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	126	159	8	9	5	181	4.6%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	79	132	11	2	0	145	3.7%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	203	478	50	9	4	541	13.8%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	158	165	9	2	0	176	4.5%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	19	20	8	0	0	28	0.7%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	126	78	11	1	0	90	2.3%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	391	146	10	1	0	157	4.0%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	258	325	8	1	0	334	8.5%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	145	51	5	2	0	58	1.5%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	95	152	6	7	0	165	4.2%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	13	32	1	1	3	37	0.9%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	19	315	24	8	3	350	8.9%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	43	77	4	0	1	82	2.1%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	87	225	59	16	0	300	7.6%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	138	316	8	3	1	328	8.4%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		15	8	2	2	27	0.7%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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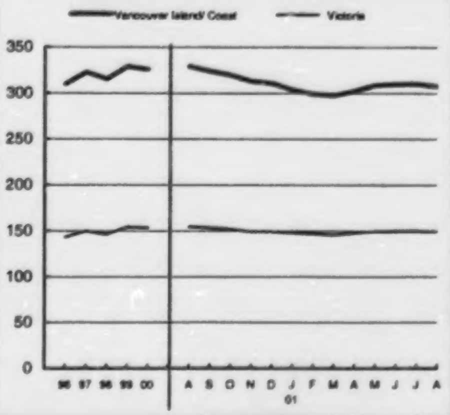
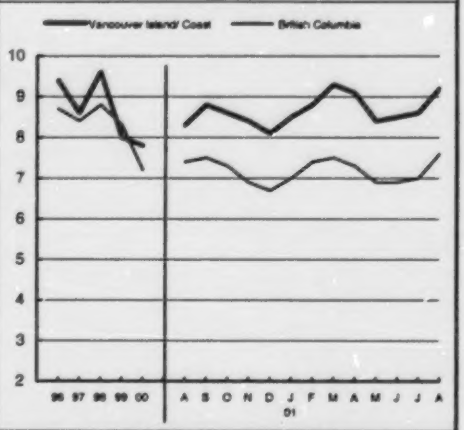
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1991			134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	332.4	7.6	155.4	6.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-8.4		-4.5		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



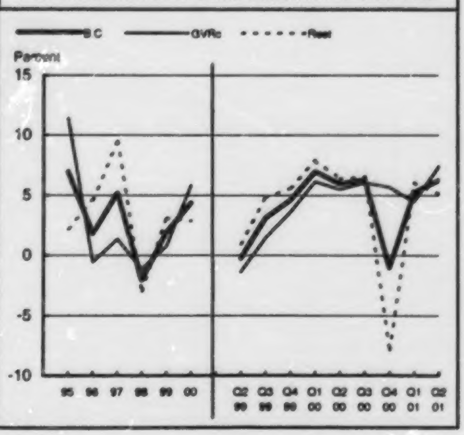
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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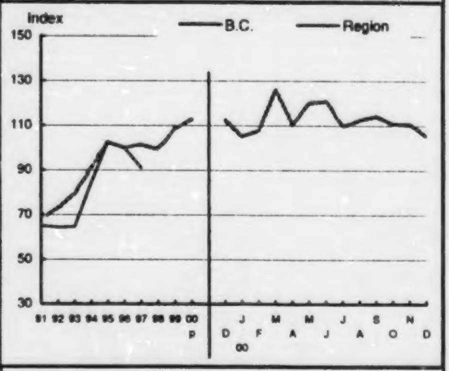
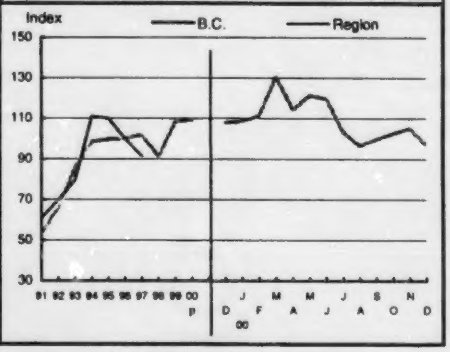
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	7	7	7	8	8
25	Wood	17	17	19	25	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	7	8	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	5	7	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	58	56	68	81	79
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	36.0	**	**	**	52.7
25	Wood	230.7	322.0	319.1	290.1	265.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	213.2	303.6	302.2	271.9	243.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	9.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	713.9	933.2	1,131.0	1,105.0	1,006.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	207	**	**	**	313
25	Wood	1,135	1,145	902	920	881
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	976	966	772	792	723
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	87
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,419	3,460	3,195	3,189	3,533
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	6.5	**	**	**	8.5
25	Wood	51.2	55.2	50.2	49.6	42.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	46.2	50.0	45.7	45.6	36.9
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	3.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	154.4	163.1	157.0	169.8	178.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

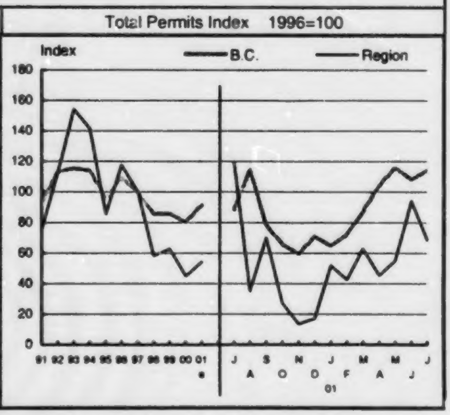


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	192.3	27.5	3.5	18.9	5.1	164.8	2,127
1995	116.1	39.5	6.1	24.8	8.6	76.6	707
1996	159.4	65.3	7.7	27.6	30.0	94.1	884
1997	135.6	45.9	2.2	33.8	9.9	89.8	831
1998	79.0	33.9	3.9	20.4	9.7	45.1	407
1999	85.2	47.5	19.8	11.5	16.2	37.7	353
2000	60.9	35.2	3.9	9.9	21.4	25.7	145
2001 e	73.7	36.6	8.9	18.0	9.7	37.1	246
Jul '00	42.5	27.9	2.4	5.7	19.8	14.6	86
Jul '01	47.5	26.5	7.1	10.3	9.0	21.0	146

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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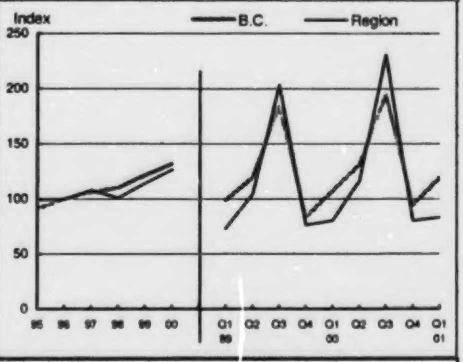
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	1997	20,734.9	3,023.8	5,091.0	9,530.2	3,089.8
	1998	19,355.0	3,214.5	4,615.6	8,272.1	3,252.8
	1999	21,938.0	3,521.0	4,998.9	9,748.4	3,669.8
	2000	24,323.9	3,859.6	5,568.3	11,040.2	3,855.9
	2001	3,998.1	3,998.1			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Comox-Strathcona 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	24,267.1	100.0%
Fishing lodges	4,860.1	20.0%
Hotels	7,702.9	31.7%
Motels	7,490.4	30.9%
Vacation Rentals	2,553.6	10.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

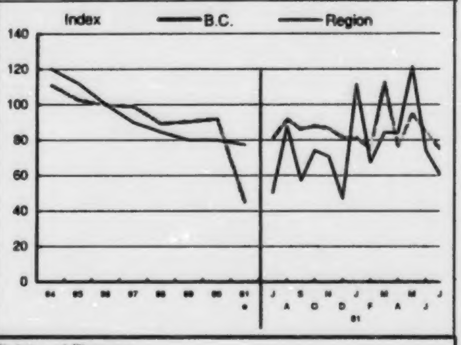


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	428
1995	398
1996	356
1997	320
1998	301
1999	285
2000	285
2001 e	276
Jan-Jul 00	185
Jan-Jul 01	179

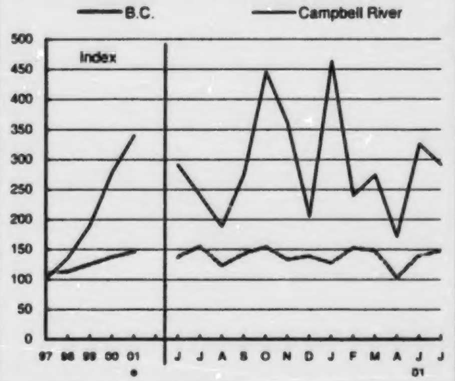
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



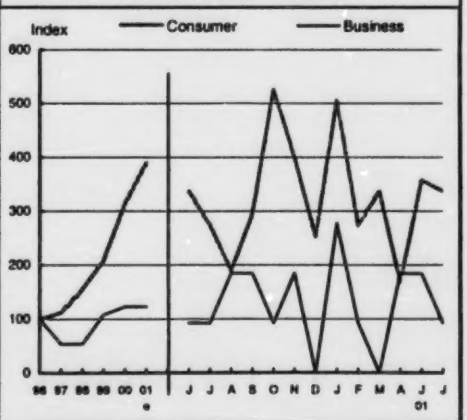
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	57	13	84	16	6436	948
1997	64	7	100	11	7,366	895
1998	88	7	112	28	7,327	1,031
1999	119	14	146	20	8,179	1,075
2000	179	16	173	10	9,181	976
2001 e	222	16	148	20	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	87	8	98	4	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	108	8	84	8	4,966	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

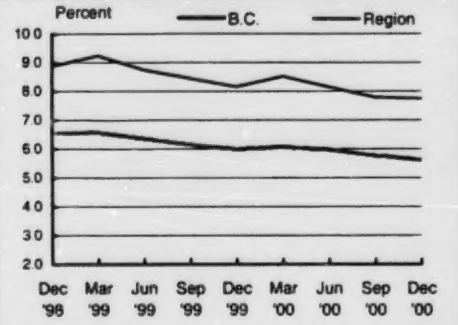
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving benefits)	All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Sep '98	8.9	12.6	12.4	7.4	4.3	4.6	4.7	5.0	2.5	Sep '98
	Dec '98	8.9	12.1	13.2	7.5	4.2	6.7	6.6	7.3	3.8	Dec '98
	Mar '99	9.2	12.6	13.6	7.8	4.2	6.2	5.8	6.9	3.4	Mar '99
	Jun '99	8.8	11.9	12.8	7.4	4.2	3.3	3.3	3.7	1.6	Jun '99
	Sep '99	8.5	11.8	12.0	7.1	4.2	3.3	2.8	3.8	1.6	Sep '99
	Dec '99	8.2	11.1	11.5	7.0	4.2	4.7	4.5	5.2	2.8	Dec '99
	Mar '00	8.5	11.5	12.5	7.2	4.2	4.7	4.9	5.0	2.7	Mar '00
	Jun '00	8.2	11.2	11.9	6.8	4.2	2.9	2.6	3.2	1.6	Jun '00
	Sep '00	7.8	10.7	10.8	6.6	4.2	2.9	2.7	3.2	1.8	Sep '00
	Dec '00	7.8	10.5	11.0	6.6	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.9	2.9	Dec '00

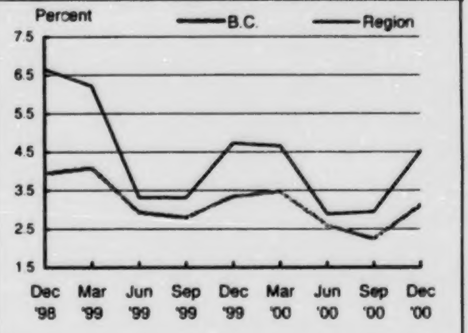
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,128	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.9	41.2
1-2 Years	19.4	17.8
>2 Years	37.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

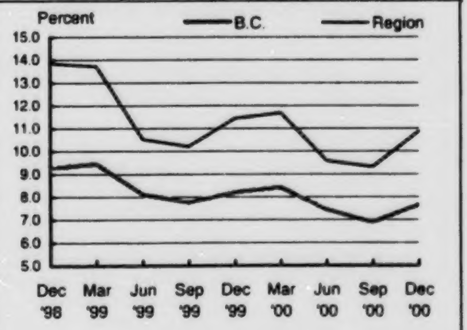
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving assistance)	All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Dec '98	13.9	19.3	14.4	7.0
	Mar '99	13.7	18.9	14.4	6.7
	Jun '99	10.5	15.7	10.9	4.8
	Sep '99	10.2	14.5	10.7	4.9
	Dec '99	11.4	15.7	11.9	6.1
	Mar '00	11.7	17.0	12.0	6.1
	Jun '00	9.6	14.3	9.8	5.1
	Sep '00	9.3	13.2	9.6	5.1
	Dec '00	10.9	15.0	11.3	6.1

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

13 Demographics

The dependence on resource industries is likely the reason for the gender bias in favour of males in this region, since most of these industries tend to have male-dominated employment. The male gender bias is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than females, it is not surprising that the median age of death is lower in this area compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The diversity of the Courtenay and Campbell River areas should ensure net inflows of migrants to this region for most years, despite the downturn in the forest sector and possible catch restrictions in the fishing industry. However, it is expected that the pace of growth in recent years cannot be sustained. Population growth rates will be negative for the first few years of the projection and, when growth resumes, it will be at a more moderate pace.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

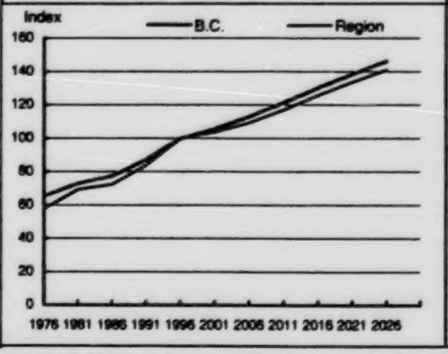
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.6	14.9	7.6	17.1	10.6	3.8	58.6	18.4	0.555	0.108	0.663	1976
1981	5.6	15.3	9.1	22.5	12.8	5.2	70.4	24.1	0.471	0.116	0.587	1981
1986	5.7	14.7	7.5	24.6	14.3	6.7	73.6	27.7	0.440	0.145	0.586	1986
1991	6.3	16.8	6.8	28.6	17.5	9.1	85.1	32.0	0.435	0.172	0.607	1991
1996	6.5	20.2	7.9	32.6	23.3	11.1	101.5	39.4	0.417	0.173	0.591	1996
2001	5.1	19.5	10.0	29.6	27.7	13.4	105.3	43.0	0.366	0.199	0.565	2001
2006	5.3	17.4	11.0	28.8	33.2	15.2	110.9	48.6	0.311	0.208	0.519	2006
2011	5.9	16.3	10.9	30.2	37.8	17.8	118.8	54.7	0.282	0.226	0.508	2011
2016	6.4	17.0	10.0	33.7	38.6	22.0	127.6	60.2	0.285	0.267	0.552	2016
2021	6.4	18.7	9.2	36.7	38.2	26.6	135.7	64.2	0.298	0.316	0.614	2021
2026	6.3	19.6	10.0	36.8	38.8	31.6	143.0	68.1	0.303	0.369	0.672	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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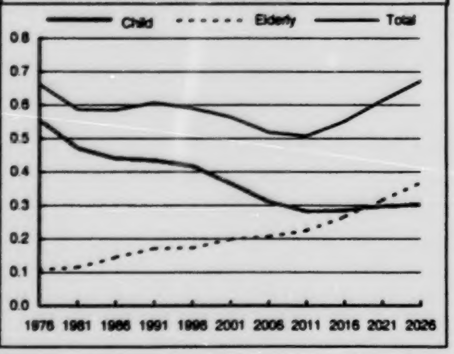

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Cowichan Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, North Cowichan

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, but tourism and services related to the retirement community are also important. Many economic spin-offs arise from the region's location between the Capital Regional District and the Nanaimo Regional District. Several communities within the region serve as bedroom communities to either Victoria or Nanaimo.

Developments that could affect this area include possible cuts to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the various forest licenses in the region. Cuts to the AAC could have serious repercussions for individual communities within the region, particularly those with mills dependent on wood from the affected areas.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cowichan Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,034	2,330	161	71	10	2,572	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	159	209	5	5	2	221	8.6%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	7	10	0	0	0	10	0.4%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	1	2	0	1	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	426	323	12	3	0	338	13.1%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	80	139	20	18	2	179	7.0%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	71	83	5	1	0	89	3.5%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	163	318	29	6	1	354	13.8%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	83	96	5	2	0	103	4.0%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	9	17	2	0	0	19	0.7%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	82	50	6	1	1	58	2.3%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	287	82	2	3	0	87	3.4%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	200	202	5	0	0	207	8.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	114	45	2	1	0	48	1.9%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	93	97	4	1	0	102	4.0%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	12	25	3	4	2	34	1.3%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	10	219	7	11	1	238	9.3%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	33	44	5	0	0	49	1.9%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	63	151	42	10	0	203	7.9%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	141	201	5	1	0	207	8.0%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		17	2	3	1	23	0.9%	0.5%	815

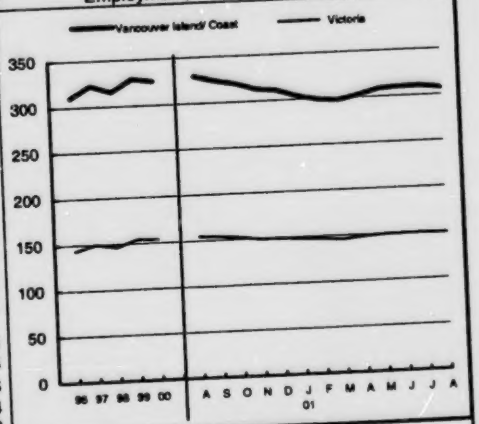
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

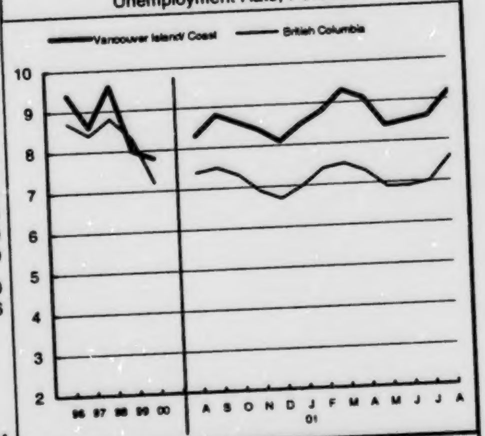
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991				134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:	Jan-Aug00	332.4	7.6	155.4	6.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-8.4		-4.5		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



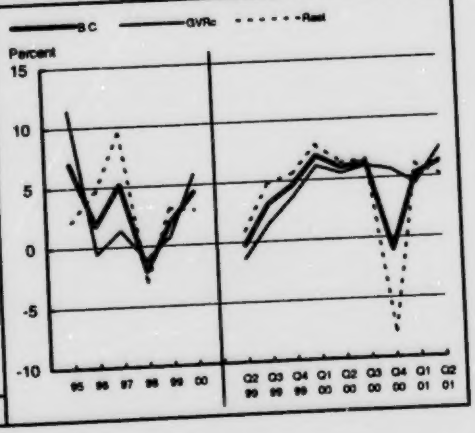
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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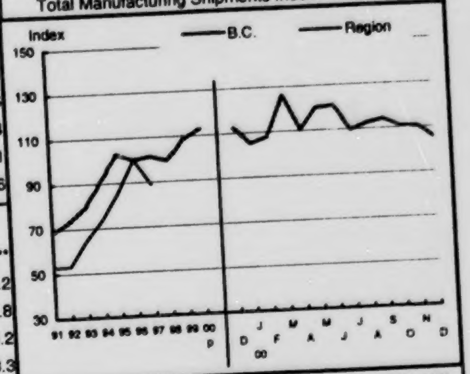
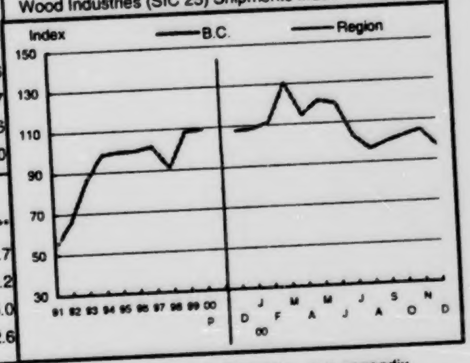
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	6	5	4	4	4
25	Wood	20	20	21	30	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	12	12	13	17	14
30	Metal Fabricating	8	7	9	12	11
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	49	51	54	71	66
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	580.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	392.9	442.0	460.9	499.2	546.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	769.2	876.5	1,017.3	1,191.8	1,058.3
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	1,496
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,072	1,102	1,131	1,220	1,227
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	136
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,859	2,943	2,898	2,952	3,330
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	73.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	50.4	56.5	59.1	59.9	65.2
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	5.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	126.1	141.0	142.1	152.3	162.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

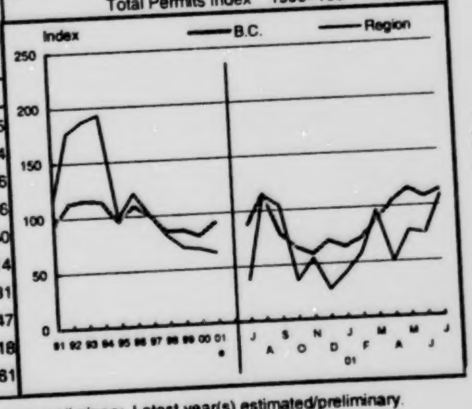


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1994	144.7	42.1	6.8	18.3	17.1	102.6	1,045
1995	74.2	17.6	1.8	8.8	7.0	56.6	514
1996	90.5	20.1	1.9	6.5	11.7	70.4	786
1997	75.0	12.3	0.8	9.5	2.0	62.7	546
1998	61.2	21.2	2.4	12.0	6.8	40.0	350
1999	52.6	15.8	1.7	6.3	7.8	36.7	314
2000	51.4	23.1	3.5	5.0	14.6	28.3	181
2001 e	48.3	11.7	2.3	5.0	4.4	36.6	247
Jul '00	30.4	12.0	2.4	1.5	8.1	18.4	118
Jul '01	31.8	8.0	1.6	4.0	2.5	23.8	161

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

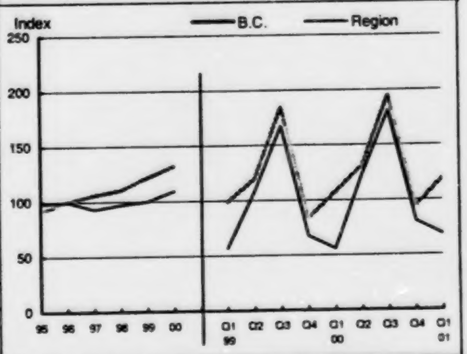
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cowichan Valley Regional District	1997	6,179.4	978.6	1,623.3	2,498.9	1,078.6
	1998	6,443.7	928.5	1,651.5	2,647.0	1,216.7
	1999	6,623.4	941.0	1,789.0	2,767.9	1,125.6
	2000	7,302.7	931.8	2,035.5	2,996.1	1,339.3
	2001	1,142.5	1,142.5			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Cowichan Valley 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	7,256.3	100.0%
Hotels	3,968.3	54.7%
Motels	1,448.8	20.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

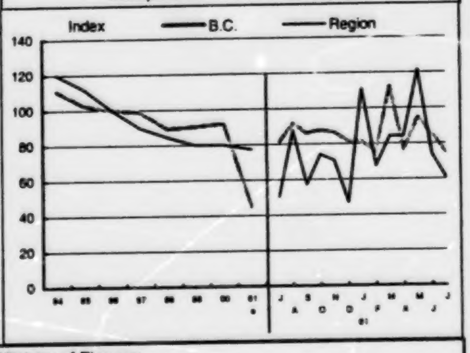


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	428
1995	398
1996	356
1997	320
1998	301
1999	285
2000	285
2001 e	276
Jan-Jul 00	185
Jan-Jul 01	179

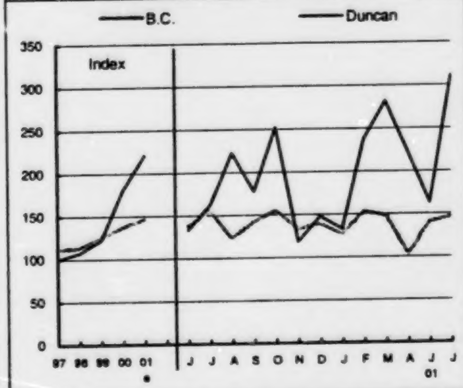
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



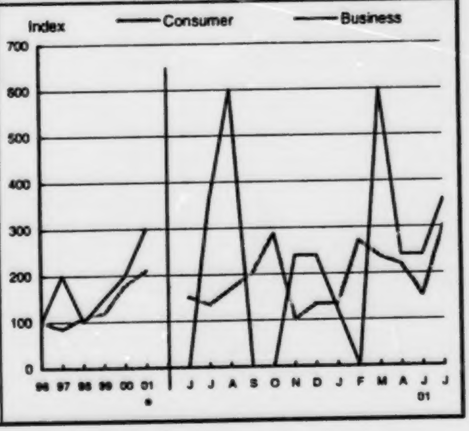
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	71	10	472	99	6436	948
1997	61	20	646	120	7,366	895
1998	77	10	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	84	15	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	126	20	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	149	30	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	61	8	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	72	12	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Sep '98	8.3	11.9	10.6	7.0	4.0
	Dec '98	8.3	11.6	10.6	7.1	3.8
	Mar '99	8.5	11.9	11.0	7.4	3.8
	Jun '99	8.2	11.7	10.6	7.0	3.8
	Sep '99	8.0	11.6	9.7	6.8	3.8
	Dec '99	7.9	11.3	10.1	6.9	3.8
	Mar '00	8.0	11.4	10.7	6.9	3.8
	Jun '00	8.0	11.6	11.0	6.8	3.8
	Sep '00	7.9	11.4	10.4	6.7	3.8
	Dec '00	7.8	10.9	11.1	6.7	3.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

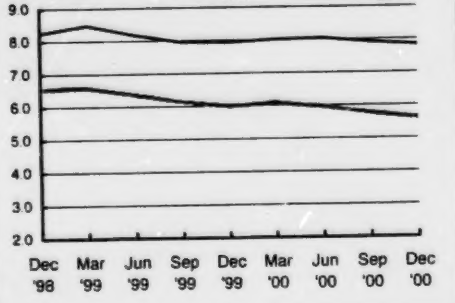
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.8	3.5	1.3	Sep '98
4.1	4.6	4.6	1.7	Dec '98
4.4	4.6	5.0	1.8	Mar '99
2.6	2.8	3.0	1.0	Jun '99
2.6	2.4	3.1	1.1	Sep '99
3.0	3.0	3.4	1.4	Dec '99
3.2	3.2	3.5	1.5	Mar '00
2.2	2.3	2.5	0.9	Jun '00
2.0	1.9	2.3	0.9	Sep '00
3.0	3.0	3.3	1.5	Dec '00

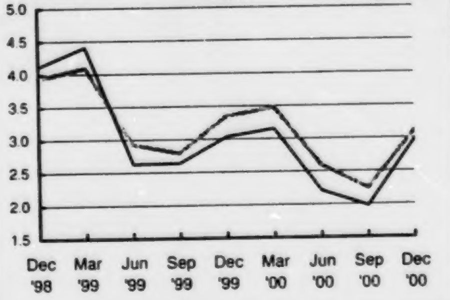
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,830	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	41.2	41.2
1-2 Years	18.3	17.8
>2 Years	40.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

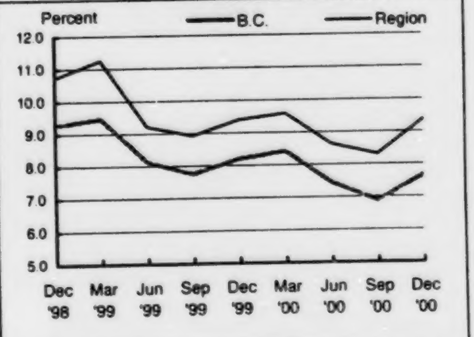
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Dec '98	10.7	14.8	11.5	4.6
	Mar '99	11.3	15.2	12.2	4.7
	Jun '99	9.2	13.0	9.9	3.7
	Sep '99	8.9	11.8	9.7	3.6
	Dec '99	9.4	12.8	10.1	4.1
	Mar '00	9.6	13.6	10.3	4.1
	Jun '00	8.6	13.1	9.2	3.4
	Sep '00	8.3	12.1	8.9	3.3
	Dec '00	9.4	13.9	9.9	4.1

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Cowichan Valley
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region suffered substantial decreases in migration in the mid-eighties and again recently due to the downturn in the forest sector. Otherwise, strength in the tourism and retirement sectors has ensured strong, positive migration. Due to a growing retirement community, the median age of the population has been getting older and has surpassed the British Columbia median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher in this region than for the province as a whole, but the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also significantly higher than the provincial ratio. This is partly the result of a substantially higher fertility rate for this area compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This area has benefited from spin-off growth from both Victoria and Nanaimo and will likely continue to do so. It is projected that net migration will continue to be strong for this area, and as a result, the population should continue to expand.

. 15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

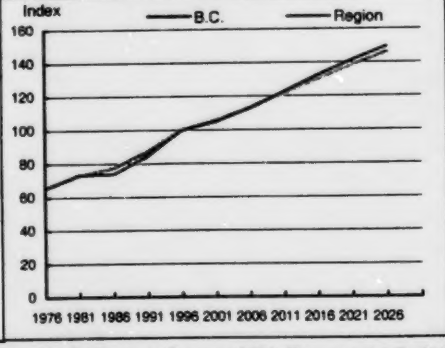
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.7	11.9	6.0	12.3	9.9	4.4	48.3	16.2	0.553	0.158	0.711	1976
1981	4.0	11.6	6.5	15.4	10.7	5.9	54.1	18.9	0.477	0.180	0.657	1981
1986	4.0	10.7	5.1	16.2	11.1	7.2	54.4	20.5	0.452	0.221	0.673	1986
1991	4.5	11.9	4.6	19.1	13.2	8.9	62.2	23.3	0.444	0.243	0.687	1991
1996	4.6	14.2	5.4	21.6	16.8	11.0	73.7	28.2	0.429	0.250	0.679	1996
2001	4.0	14.1	7.0	20.2	19.9	12.2	77.3	30.9	0.383	0.258	0.642	2001
2006	4.2	13.5	7.5	20.2	24.0	13.6	83.2	35.1	0.343	0.262	0.605	2006
2011	4.6	13.3	7.8	21.4	27.6	15.6	90.4	40.1	0.316	0.275	0.591	2011
2016	5.0	13.8	7.6	23.8	28.7	18.8	97.6	44.4	0.313	0.313	0.626	2016
2021	5.0	14.8	7.3	26.0	28.6	22.3	104.2	48.0	0.320	0.360	0.680	2021
2026	5.0	15.4	7.9	26.4	29.2	26.1	110.1	51.5	0.322	0.411	0.733	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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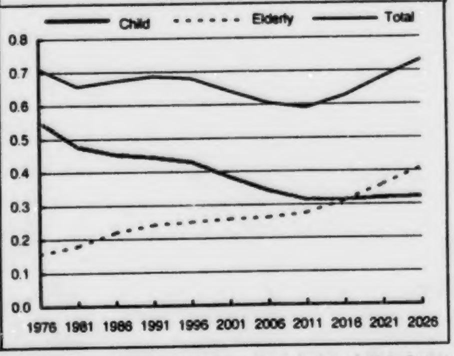

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

East Kootenay
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Invermere, Kimberley, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood

The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry. The economy of the Fernie area, in particular, is driven by the coal industry with five major coal mines located there. As a result, the region is vulnerable to fluctuations in price and demand in the coal market, which are largely determined internationally. The Sullivan lead-zinc mine in Kimberley is the main economic driver for that area and forestry is the main driver in the Cranbrook and Windermere areas.

A major development that will affect this area is the impending shutdown of the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley. Restructuring of some of the coal mines as they begin to face depletion of reserves could also have a negative effect on the region over the long-term, although the area has good potential for new discoveries. Development of new mines will depend on the direction of coal prices in the next 10 years.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	East Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,391	2,372	193	68	18	2,651	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	117	170	12	3	0	185	7.0%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	15	16	2	1	5	24	0.9%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	4	6	1	0	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	249	343	14	3	0	360	13.6%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	54	102	11	6	4	123	4.6%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	52	92	14	2	0	108	4.1%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	137	311	24	14	0	349	13.2%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	69	115	12	1	1	129	4.9%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	22	6	0	0	28	1.1%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	69	42	9	2	0	53	2.0%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	173	92	8	0	0	100	3.8%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	120	183	2	0	0	185	7.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	71	30	1	0	0	31	1.2%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	40	114	7	1	0	122	4.6%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	5	16	0	1	3	20	0.8%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	10	163	15	9	2	189	7.1%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	24	70	9	8	1	88	3.3%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	65	257	38	12	2	309	11.7%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	112	214	6	0	0	220	8.3%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		14	2	5	0	21	0.8%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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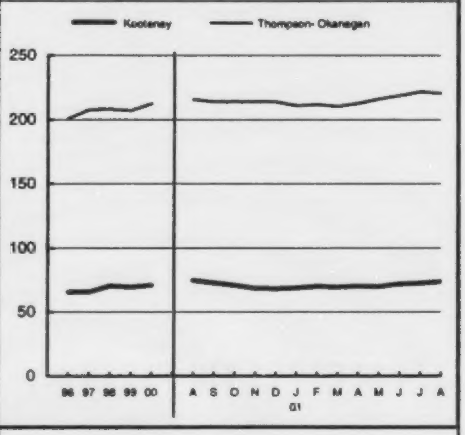
East Kootenay
Regional District

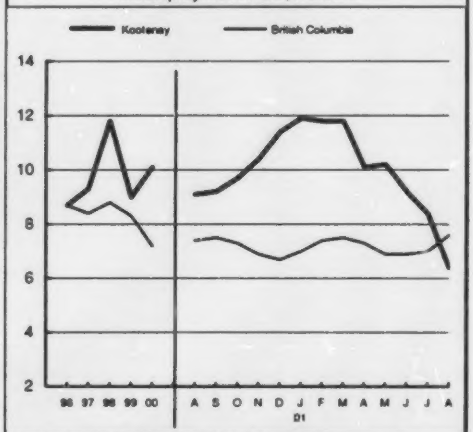
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	67.4	9.6	204.1	9.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	68.5	10.1	204.9	9.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	69.6	10.1	206.0	10.3	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	70.5	11.1	207.6	11.4	1,919.7	7.4
	May	71.8	10.8	212.8	10.9	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	73.7	9.9	216.7	9.8	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	74.7	9.5	219.0	8.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	74.8	9.1	215.8	8.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	72.8	9.2	214.1	8.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	71.0	9.7	214.2	8.4	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	68.7	10.4	213.9	8.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	68.5	11.4	213.9	8.0	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	69.9	10.2	216.0	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	72.0	9.2	218.7	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	72.6	8.4	221.8	9.2	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	73.7	6.4	220.7	10.3	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	72.3	9.9	212.0	9.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	71.6	9.2	216.4	9.6	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-1.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



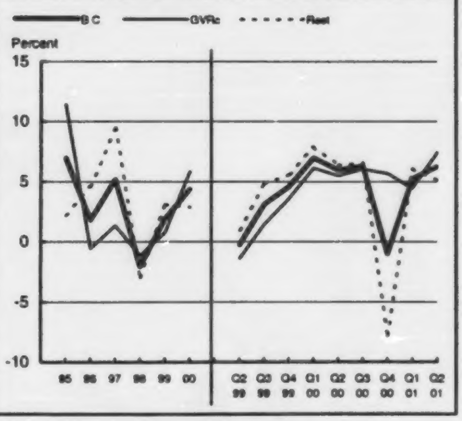
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

.Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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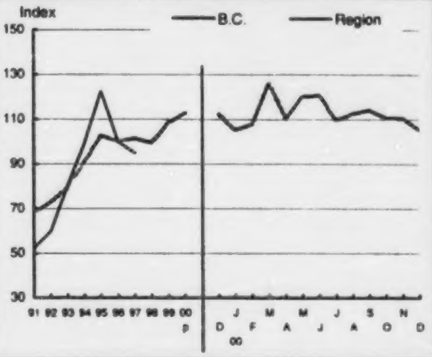
Regional District

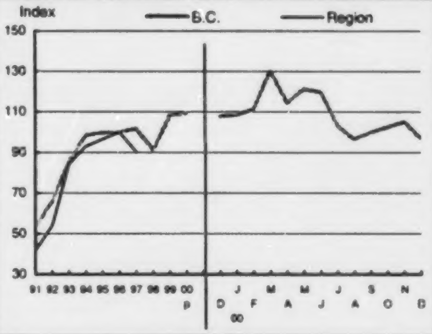
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	2	2
25	Wood	21	21	19	20	20
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	14	13	12	13	13
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	43	50	54	54
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	323.1	356.4	**	382.7	345.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	293.0	322.5	351.3	340.8	331.0
30	Metal Fabricating	2.7	3.7	**	5.3	4.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	409.1	506.7	623.5	509.0	482.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,225	1,512	**	1,440	1,165
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,134	1,359	1,196	1,265	1,093
30	Metal Fabricating	28	30	**	39	70
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,726	2,062	1,989	2,058	1,856
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	54.0	66.5	**	66.4	63.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	49.1	61.0	60.6	59.5	60.9
30	Metal Fabricating	1.1	1.2	**	1.6	2.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	75.8	91.4	99.4	97.4	98.2

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

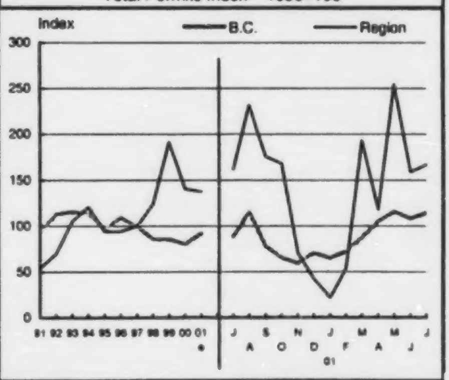


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	90.9	23.9	3.3	14.6	6.0	67.0	721
1995	70.7	12.4	1.0	8.5	2.9	58.3	595
1996	70.9	15.2	1.8	11.0	2.4	55.8	634
1997	75.2	29.8	2.4	9.9	17.5	45.4	408
1998	92.9	25.8	1.1	18.1	6.6	67.1	711
1999	143.9	58.3	4.1	47.7	6.5	85.6	727
2000	105.5	32.2	4.7	25.9	1.6	73.3	619
2001 e	103.6	35.0	7.6	5.6	21.8	68.6	480
Jul '00	62.4	22.1	0.6	20.2	1.2	40.3	352
Jul '01	60.5	22.8	1.0	4.4	17.4	37.7	273

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

East Kootenay
Regional District

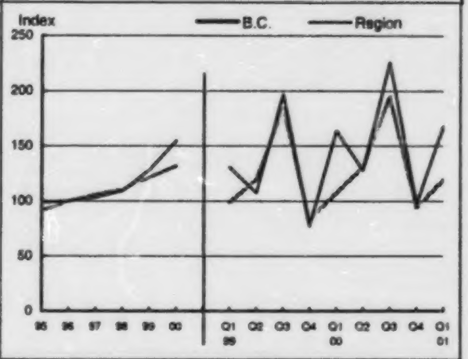
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
East Kootenay Regional District	1997	27,594.4	6,250.1	6,521.0	10,938.3	3,885.0
	1998	29,194.4	7,068.0	6,298.4	11,430.8	4,397.1
	1999	34,221.8	8,733.4	7,186.0	13,150.4	5,152.0
	2000	41,029.2	10,921.9	8,529.1	15,077.9	6,500.3
	2001	11,190.3	11,190.3			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

East Kootenay 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	41,326.0	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	8,000.8	19.4%
Hotels	15,385.2	37.2%			
76+ Rooms	7,297.2	17.7%			
1-75 Rooms	8,087.9	19.6%			
Motels	11,699.8	28.3%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

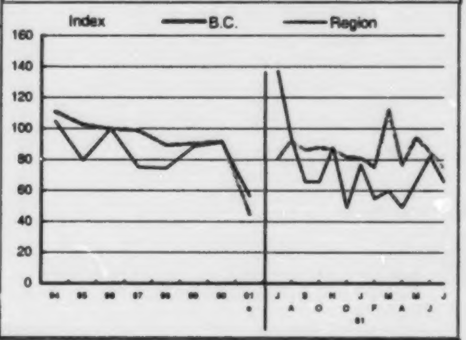


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	229
1995	174
1996	219
1997	165
1998	163
1999	194
2000	200
2001 e	124
Jan-Jul 00	134
Jan-Jul 01	83

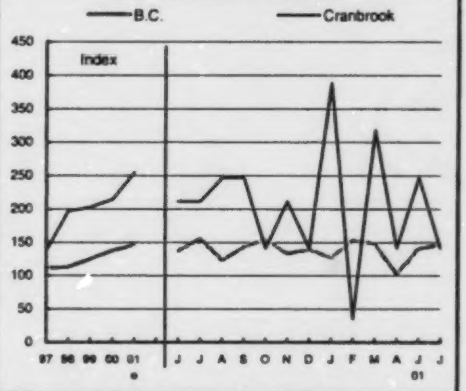
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



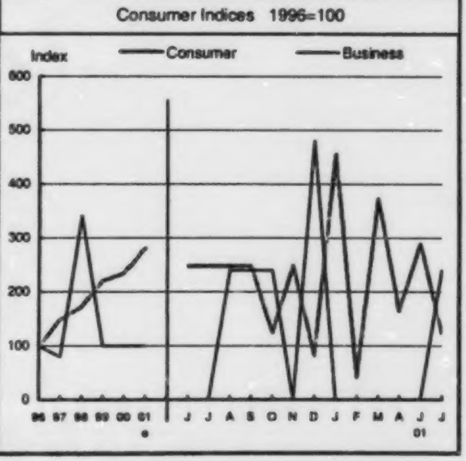
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
Year	29	5	472	99	6436	948
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	82	5	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	35	3	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	42	3	638	79	4,968	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '98	6.0	8.8	8.2	4.6	3.1
	Dec '98	5.8	8.2	8.2	4.6	2.9
	Mar '99	5.8	8.3	8.3	4.6	2.7
	Jun '99	5.9	8.8	8.5	4.6	2.7
	Sep '99	5.3	8.1	6.8	4.2	2.7
	Dec '99	4.8	7.2	6.6	3.8	2.7
	Mar '00	4.8	7.2	6.4	3.8	2.7
	Jun '00	4.9	7.5	6.4	3.7	2.7
	Sep '00	4.8	7.6	6.2	3.5	2.7
	Dec '00	4.5	6.8	7.0	3.4	2.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

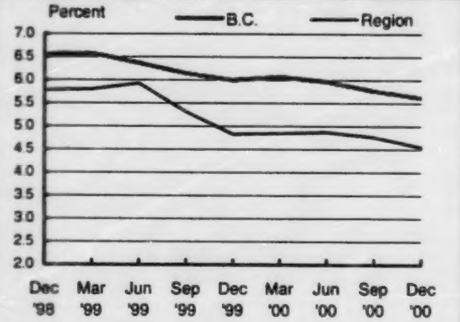
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.5	2.5	2.9	1.0	Sep '98
4.7	6.5	5.0	2.0	Dec '98
5.5	7.9	5.7	2.5	Mar '99
3.3	4.0	3.6	1.3	Jun '99
3.0	3.2	3.4	1.0	Sep '99
3.6	4.9	3.8	2.0	Dec '99
4.2	5.0	4.5	2.1	Mar '00
2.8	3.1	3.2	1.1	Jun '00
2.4	2.6	2.6	0.9	Sep '00
3.8	4.6	4.1	1.7	Dec '00

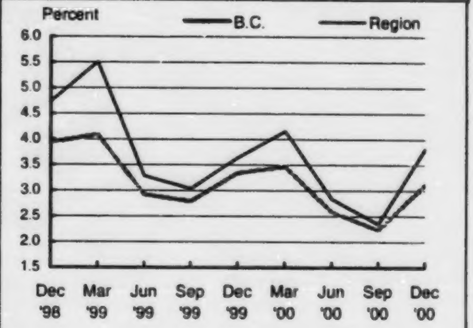
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,444	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.5	41.2
1-2 Years	14.9	17.8
>2 Years	30.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

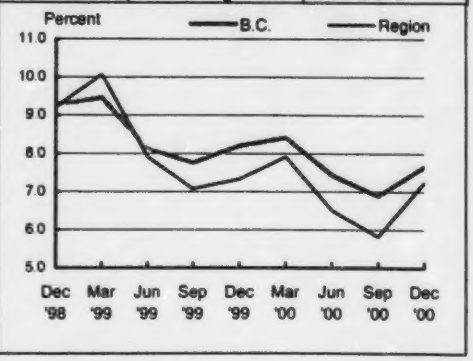
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Dec '98	9.2	14.0	9.3	4.8
	Mar '99	10.1	15.9	10.1	5.1
	Jun '99	7.9	12.2	8.0	3.8
	Sep '99	7.1	9.7	7.5	3.2
	Dec '99	7.3	11.0	7.4	4.1
	Mar '00	7.9	11.2	8.1	4.3
	Jun '00	6.5	9.2	6.7	3.2
	Sep '00	5.8	8.4	6.0	2.9
	Dec '00	7.2	11.1	7.3	3.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



East Kootenay
Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the region's population is slightly higher than the provincial median, but there is a significantly higher proportion of children in the regional population compared to the province as a whole. The gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than women, it is not surprising that the median age of death in this region is lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The Sullivan Mine will close by 2001 and this will have a significant impact on the employment base of the area during the first two years of the projection. In addition, depletion of coal reserves could cause the shutdown of several of the coal mines in the region. If world markets for coal do not raise coal prices sufficiently to warrant construction costs associated with new mines, the diminishing employment base could result in outmigration from the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

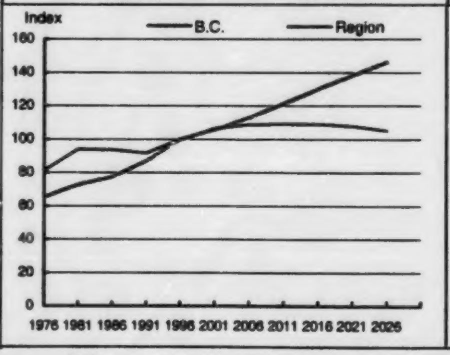
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.2	12.4	6.3	13.5	8.3	2.9	47.6	14.9	0.594	0.103	0.697	1976
1981	4.8	12.5	7.6	17.7	8.9	3.6	55.1	18.5	0.507	0.106	0.613	1981
1986	4.4	12.1	5.7	18.7	9.5	4.4	54.9	19.7	0.484	0.131	0.615	1986
1991	3.7	11.2	4.9	18.0	10.6	5.4	53.7	20.1	0.443	0.161	0.604	1991
1996	3.6	11.5	5.3	18.4	13.4	6.5	58.6	22.6	0.406	0.174	0.580	1996
2001	2.9	11.2	6.4	17.9	16.7	7.4	62.5	25.1	0.342	0.181	0.523	2001
2006	2.9	9.6	6.3	17.0	19.3	8.5	63.8	27.7	0.294	0.200	0.494	2006
2011	3.0	8.2	5.7	16.5	20.7	10.0	64.1	29.6	0.261	0.233	0.494	2011
2016	2.9	7.6	4.9	16.6	19.7	12.4	63.9	30.9	0.255	0.301	0.556	2016
2021	2.6	7.6	3.8	16.4	17.9	14.8	63.2	31.1	0.267	0.387	0.654	2021
2026	2.3	7.3	3.8	14.6	16.7	17.1	61.7	31.0	0.271	0.488	0.759	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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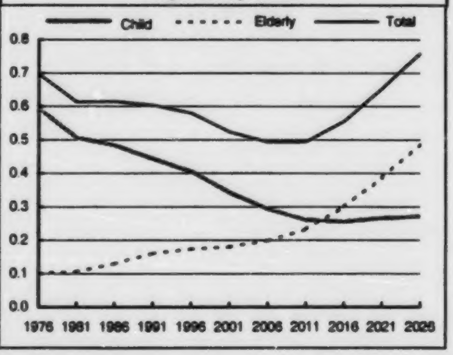

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Mackenzie, McBride, Prince George, Valemount

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, with tourism playing a lesser, though still significant, role. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy. Positioned as it is at the junction to the North to Alaska, the South to Vancouver, the East to Alberta and the West to Prince Rupert, Prince George experiences a great deal of tourist activity.

Developments in the forest sector will likely drive growth in this region in the future. This area is home to many pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to this area is sustained if it is to maintain its job base. There have been a couple of mill closures in the last couple of years in this area and there will likely be some population impacts as a result.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser-Fort George								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,974	3,473	333	146	31	3,983	100.0%		100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	463	461	41	14	1	517	13.0%		5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	9	1	0	0	10	0.3%		0.5%	787
22	Utilities	1	2	1	0	0	3	0.1%		0.1%	165
23	Construction	463	476	25	19	0	520	13.1%		10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	81	136	26	22	14	198	5.0%		5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	102	141	24	5	0	170	4.3%		6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	171	360	40	22	3	425	10.7%		11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	349	294	13	12	1	320	8.0%		4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	13	20	5	2	0	27	0.7%		1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	115	76	12	4	0	92	2.3%		3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	414	136	8	4	1	149	3.7%		4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	218	293	14	5	0	312	7.8%		11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	127	56	3	1	0	60	1.5%		2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	111	123	13	5	1	142	3.6%		4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	13	26	1	0	3	30	0.8%		1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	23	286	32	6	3	327	8.2%		8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	25	57	4	2	1	64	1.6%		1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	87	165	53	17	2	237	6.0%		7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	190	345	13	3	0	361	9.1%		7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		11	4	3	1	19	0.5%		0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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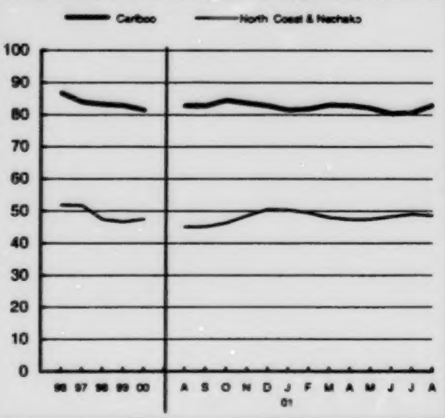
Regional District

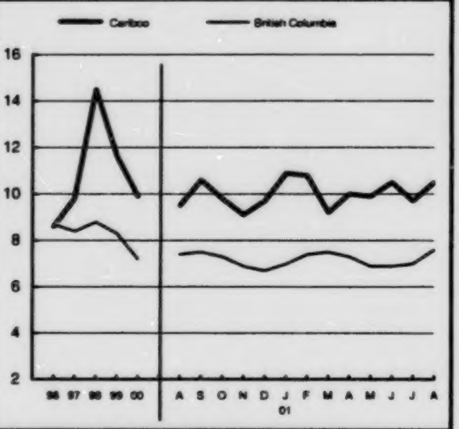
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	81.9	8.1	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	81.0	8.4	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	80.1	9.7	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	78.2	11.3	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	78.7	11.2	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	80.2	9.7	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	82.1	8.6	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	82.8	9.5	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	82.8	10.6	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	84.5	9.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	83.6	9.1	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	82.8	9.7	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	82.1	9.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	80.4	10.5	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	80.7	9.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	83.0	10.5	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	80.7	9.9	46.6	9.5	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	82.4	10.1	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.1		3.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



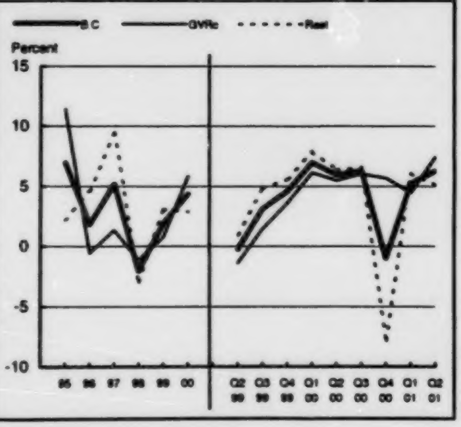
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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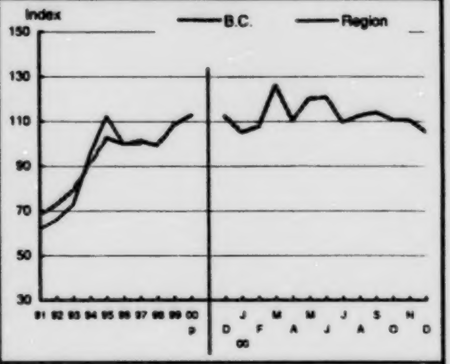
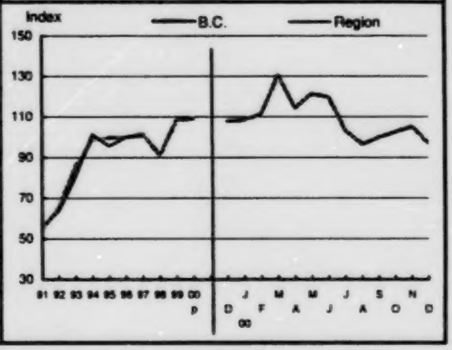
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	3	3	3
25	Wood	37	36	36	38	38
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	25	24	23	23	24
30	Metal Fabricating	20	20	20	21	23
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	100	102	113	112
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,120.6	1,402.1	1,322.0	1,382.4	1,389.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,010.3	1,279.2	1,199.9	1,270.9	1,270.4
30	Metal Fabricating	27.4	40.4	41.8	55.6	54.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,811.5	2,365.8	2,780.1	2,476.7	2,476.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	4,223	4,728	4,312	3,761	4,082
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3,582	4,011	3,640	3,130	3,323
30	Metal Fabricating	238	278	284	343	468
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	7,191	7,960	7,551	6,993	7,441
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	183.7	212.2	207.0	188.4	202.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	160.1	186.2	180.5	164.2	176.5
30	Metal Fabricating	8.7	11.4	12.4	13.4	18.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	326.1	384.6	386.6	372.7	389.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

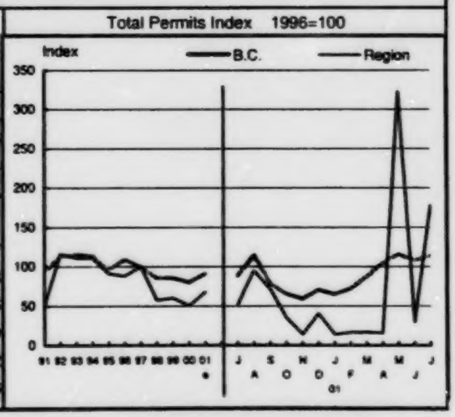


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	147.3	69.3	13.6	15.6	40.2	78.0	705
1995	120.9	52.8	13.1	30.4	9.3	68.1	544
1996	117.5	42.1	11.0	19.7	11.4	75.3	705
1997	132.8	65.2	6.1	57.8	1.4	67.6	591
1998	76.3	21.6	2.4	11.5	7.6	54.7	517
1999	80.2	44.7	7.9	6.6	30.2	35.5	258
2000	67.1	45.9	5.9	12.8	27.1	21.2	146
2001 e	90.1	73.8	0.7	12.7	60.4	16.3	80
Jul '00	38.8	25.5	4.9	8.6	14.0	13.3	102
Jul '01	65.6	55.4	0.6	6.5	48.3	10.2	56

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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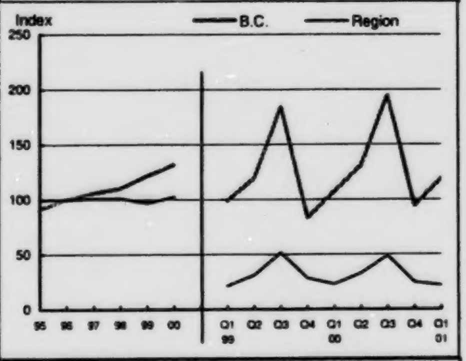
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	1997	9,301.2	1,555.2	2,332.5	3,470.5	1,943.0
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	1,435.5	1,435.5			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Fraser-Ft. George 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	26,711.1	100.0%
Hotels	18,410.2	68.9%
Motels	7,621.7	28.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

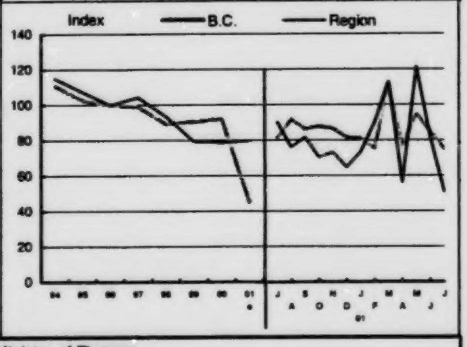


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	490
1995	457
1996	426
1997	444
1998	398
1999	339
2000	335
2001 e	340
Jan-Jul 00	205
Jan-Jul 01	208

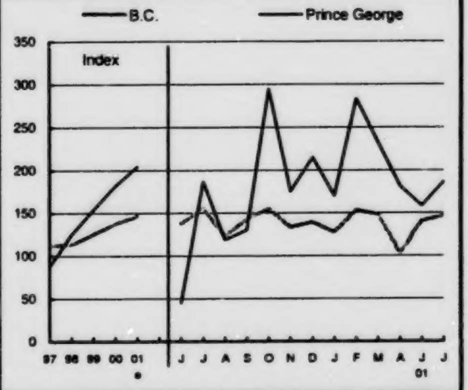
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



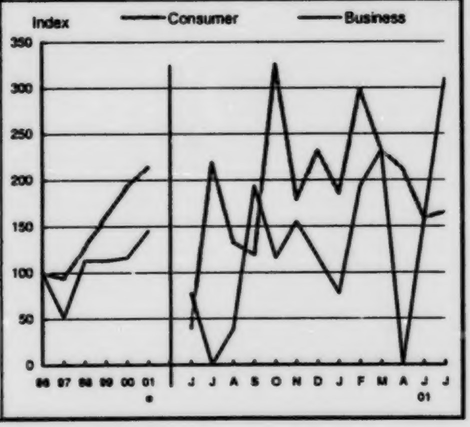
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	181	31	472	99	6436	948
1997	170	16	646	120	7,366	895
1998	230	35	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	291	35	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	350	36	963	148	9,181	976
2001 e	388	45	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	148	16	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	164	20	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Sep '98	8.7	12.0	11.1	6.9	4.7
	Dec '98	8.4	11.1	11.7	6.9	4.3
	Mar '99	8.6	11.4	12.1	7.1	4.3
	Jun '99	9.0	11.9	13.0	7.2	4.3
	Sep '99	8.4	11.4	11.6	6.7	4.3
	Dec '99	8.1	10.7	11.9	6.6	4.3
	Mar '00	8.3	10.9	12.3	6.7	4.3
	Jun '00	8.6	11.4	12.7	6.9	4.3
	Sep '00	8.3	11.2	12.5	6.4	4.3
	Dec '00	7.9	10.6	12.0	6.3	4.3

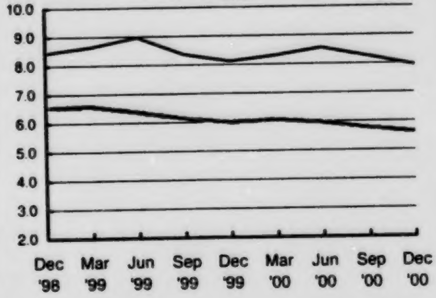
11 Employment Insurance (was UI)
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.2	4.7	4.4	2.7	Sep '98
5.4	6.4	5.5	3.1	Dec '98
6.1	7.4	6.3	3.5	Mar '99
4.8	5.1	5.0	3.0	Jun '99
4.1	4.3	4.3	2.6	Sep '99
4.4	5.0	4.5	2.7	Dec '99
4.6	5.4	4.7	3.0	Mar '00
4.1	3.7	4.4	3.0	Jun '00
3.2	3.2	3.4	2.1	Sep '00
4.0	4.4	4.1	2.6	Dec '00

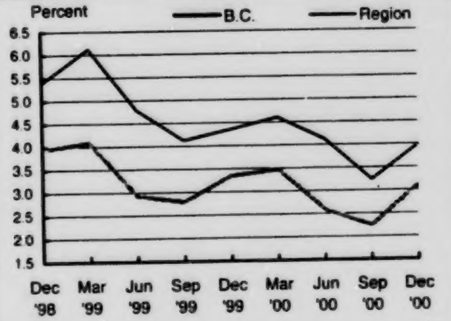
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,935	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.1	41.2
1-2 Years	18.5	17.8
>2 Years	35.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

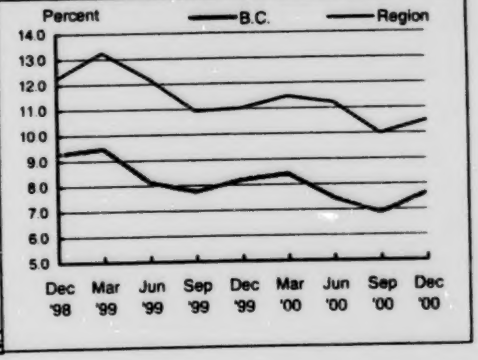
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Dec '98	12.3	17.5	12.1	7.1
	Mar '99	13.2	18.9	13.1	7.4
	Jun '99	12.2	17.7	12.0	7.0
	Sep '99	10.9	15.5	10.8	6.4
	Dec '99	11.0	16.5	10.8	6.1
	Mar '00	11.5	17.2	11.2	6.6
	Jun '00	11.2	16.1	11.0	6.6
	Sep '00	10.0	15.4	9.7	5.7
	Dec '00	10.5	15.9	10.2	6.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The downturn in the forest sector in the mid-eighties was responsible for much of the net outmigration from the area at that time. In the mid-nineties the area received large net inflows of migrants. Some of this may be due to the construction of the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George.

The median age of the population in this area is significantly lower than the provincial median, and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is higher than the provincial ratio. Conversely the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is significantly lower than the provincial ratio. The dependence on the forest sector and the male-dominated employment in the industry is likely the reason for the gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males.

14 Projection

Although forestry is the main economic driver, the economy of this area is sufficiently diversified such that it can expect to continue to receive net migration inflows over most of the projection period with the exception of the next year or so. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) is expected to be positive as well, which means the area will continue to experience strong, positive growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

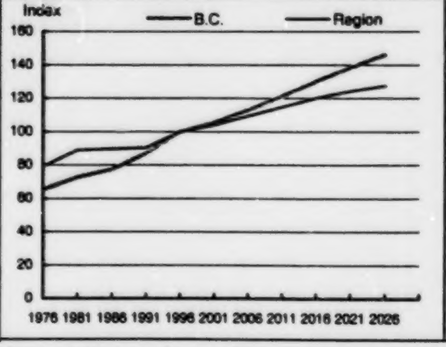
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.3	22.9	11.9	25.9	10.4	2.3	81.7	23.7	0.649	0.047	0.696	1976
1981	8.8	22.6	13.9	31.6	12.3	2.8	91.9	29.1	0.544	0.048	0.592	1981
1986	8.4	21.3	11.7	33.3	14.3	3.6	92.5	31.0	0.501	0.060	0.561	1986
1991	7.8	20.7	10.1	33.9	16.4	4.5	93.3	32.0	0.471	0.075	0.546	1991
1996	7.6	22.0	11.1	36.5	20.3	5.8	103.2	36.3	0.436	0.085	0.521	1996
2001	6.1	21.8	11.5	35.4	25.5	7.2	107.4	39.9	0.385	0.100	0.485	2001
2006	6.2	19.7	12.1	35.3	30.8	8.8	112.9	44.7	0.331	0.113	0.444	2006
2011	6.5	18.1	11.9	36.2	34.6	11.2	118.5	49.5	0.297	0.136	0.433	2011
2016	6.7	17.8	10.9	37.7	36.2	14.8	124.0	53.5	0.289	0.174	0.464	2016
2021	6.5	18.6	9.5	38.5	36.4	18.8	128.3	55.7	0.297	0.223	0.521	2021
2026	6.2	18.6	10.0	37.1	36.6	23.0	131.5	57.7	0.297	0.274	0.571	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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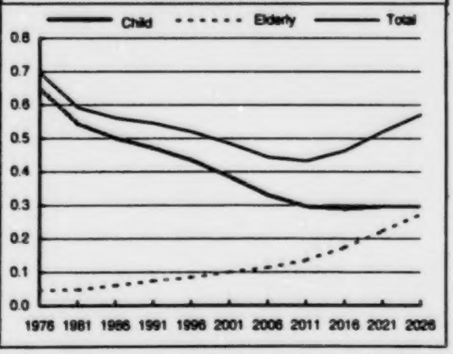

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Fraser Valley Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent, Mission

In the areas of the Fraser Valley furthest from Vancouver, agriculture and forestry are the main economic drivers. For the areas closer to Vancouver, the industrial base of Greater Vancouver is the main stimulus for the economy.

The agreement by the municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) on a Livable Region Strategic Plan will also have consequences for this region. As the GVRD begins to put the infrastructure in place to promote its Growth Concentration Area, the recent trend of growth moving out into the Valley will likely slow considerably. Growth rates experienced in the last decade will be substantially higher than those experienced in the next.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	7,473	8,507	520	208	24	9,259	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	858	679	60	33	15	787	8.5%	5.9%	9,259
22	Utilities	106	125	16	16	8	165	1.8%	0.5%	787
23	Construction	21,504	15,560	1,047	419	45	17,071	184.4%	0.1%	165
31-33	Manufacturing	4,322	6,884	1,193	777	191	9,045	97.7%	10.8%	17,071
41	Wholesale Trade	6,550	8,970	982	372	32	10,356	111.8%	5.7%	9,045
44-45	Retail Trade	8,810	15,434	1,565	747	120	17,866	193.0%	6.6%	10,356
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	6,692	6,622	416	241	60	7,339	79.3%	11.4%	17,866
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,744	1,910	272	148	30	2,360	25.5%	4.7%	7,339
52	Finance & Insurance	8,847	4,449	525	221	50	5,245	56.6%	1.5%	2,360
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	20,074	6,364	485	210	24	7,083	76.5%	3.3%	5,245
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	17,354	15,980	881	361	35	17,257	186.4%	4.5%	7,083
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	7,681	2,865	286	139	11	3,301	35.7%	11.0%	17,257
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	5,574	6,570	534	235	40	7,379	79.7%	2.1%	3,301
61	Educational Services	844	1,376	174	97	92	1,739	18.8%	4.7%	7,379
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,146	11,937	881	453	134	13,405	144.8%	1.1%	1,739
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,153	2,327	243	146	32	2,748	29.7%	8.5%	13,405
72	Accom. & Food Services	3,673	8,354	2,162	1,074	57	11,647	125.8%	1.7%	2,748
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	7,050	11,787	527	150	40	12,504	135.0%	7.4%	11,647
91	Public Administration	6	515	115	112	73	815	8.8%	7.9%	12,504
	Total, All Industries	20,289	22,764	1,892	846	164	25,666	277.2%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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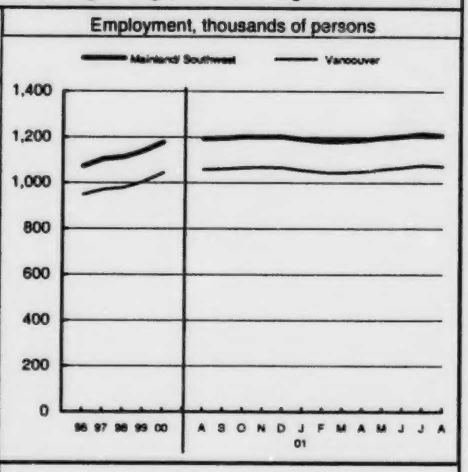
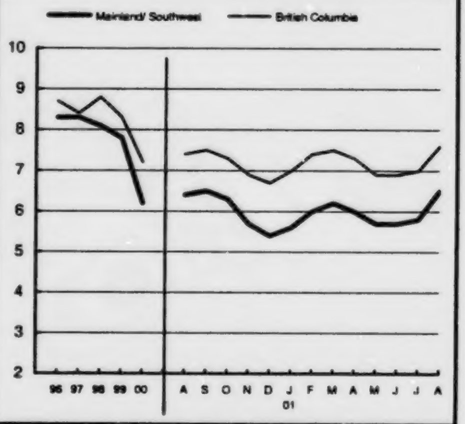
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991			832.8	8.5	1,572.6	10.1
1992			859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993			869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994			908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	1,143.3	7.1	1,005.7	6.8	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	1,147.2	6.8	1,011.5	6.5	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	1,143.8	6.7	1,011.8	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	1,147.2	6.3	1,017.3	6.0	1,919.7	7.4
May	1,153.4	6.1	1,023.1	5.8	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	1,169.1	6.0	1,036.6	5.7	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	1,181.9	6.1	1,048.4	5.9	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	1,192.9	6.4	1,058.3	6.2	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	1,196.1	6.5	1,062.3	6.2	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	1,202.1	6.3	1,066.7	6.1	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	1,202.5	5.7	1,069.3	5.5	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	1,202.5	5.4	1,067.2	5.2	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
May	1,198.8	5.7	1,060.2	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
Jun	1,205.2	5.7	1,068.1	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
Jul	1,215.0	5.8	1,077.8	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
Aug	1,208.2	6.5	1,072.9	6.4	1,976.3	7.6
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Aug00	1,165.9	6.4	1,033.0	6.1	1,942.1	7.4
Jan-Aug01	1,196.6	6.2	1,059.7	6.1	1,953.2	7.4
% Change	2.6		2.6		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



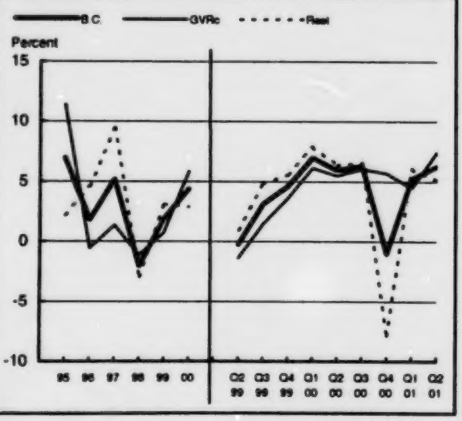
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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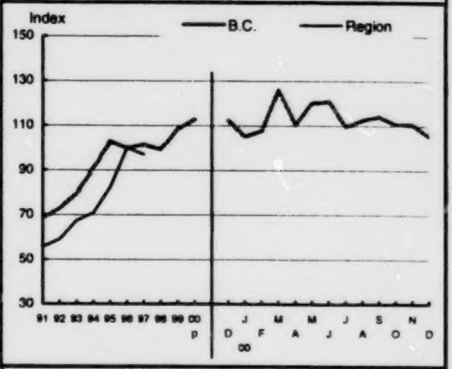
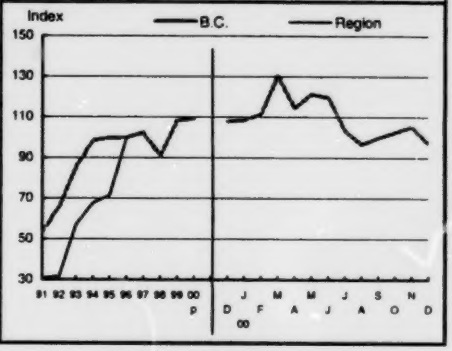
5 Manufacturing (to 1995, Central Fraser Valley + Fraser-Cheam; 1996 & later, Fraser Valley)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	31	29	27	33	29
25	Wood	39	36	33	54	52
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	8	7	9	8
30	Metal Fabricating	10	11	14	26	22
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	153	143	156	214	203
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	401.9	388.6	445.3	447.6	432.1
25	Wood	234.1	277.0	292.5	409.3	420.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	69.6	93.6	**	81.0	84.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	74.1	69.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	843.3	885.3	1,027.6	1,249.4	1,212.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	1,742	1,697	1,525	1,458	1,301
25	Wood	1,654	1,589	1,487	1,836	1,862
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	364	455	**	409	352
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	408	369
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,218	4,963	5,124	6,121	5,882
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	55.7	56.2	51.8	53.6	47.5
25	Wood	52.0	54.3	55.4	69.6	69.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13.7	17.4	**	15.7	14.7
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	15.7	14.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	169.4	169.4	182.1	218.4	207.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

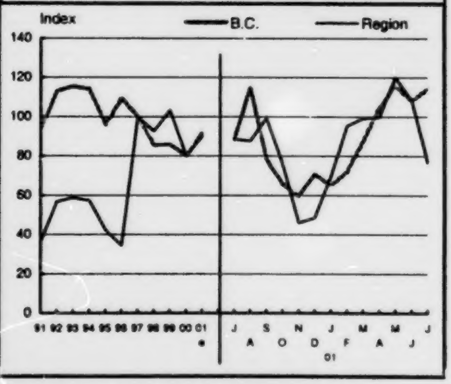


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	147.6	34.9	10.5	14.1	10.3	112.6	1,472
1995	108.6	52.5	6.3	17.7	28.5	56.1	551
1996	88.4	40.6	5.0	25.1	10.5	47.8	499
1997	256.8	99.6	18.0	62.8	18.8	157.2	2,562
1998	238.0	110.5	26.9	69.4	14.2	127.5	1,614
1999	265.1	159.5	55.1	73.4	31.0	105.6	1,053
2000	206.0	113.6	44.4	41.2	28.0	92.4	699
2001 e	231.0	144.0	54.7	45.8	43.5	87.0	687
Jul '00	129.4	70.4	26.6	29.8	14.0	59.1	423
Jul '01	143.3	87.6	32.7	33.1	21.8	55.6	416

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
BREAK IN SERIES: data are for former Fraser-Cheam RD through 1996; for 1997 onwards, data are for Fraser Valley RD

Fraser Valley
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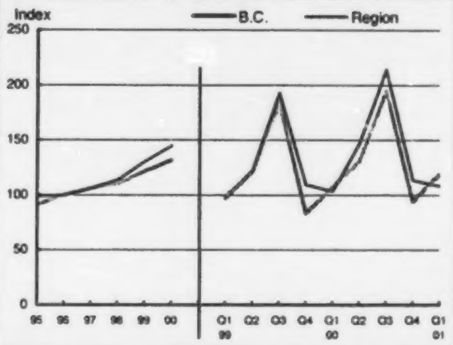
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser Valley Regional District	1997	23,155.3	3,903.5	6,215.6	8,560.2	4,476.0
	1998	24,839.4	4,547.0	6,113.5	9,347.1	4,831.8
	1999	28,460.7	5,274.9	6,700.9	10,507.8	5,977.1
	2000	31,527.4	5,631.3	8,017.1	11,669.9	6,209.0
	2001	5,904.8	5,904.8			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Fraser Valley 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	31,573.7	100.0%
Hotels	23,685.4	75.0%
76+ Rooms	20,808.7	65.9%
1-75 Rooms	2,876.6	9.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

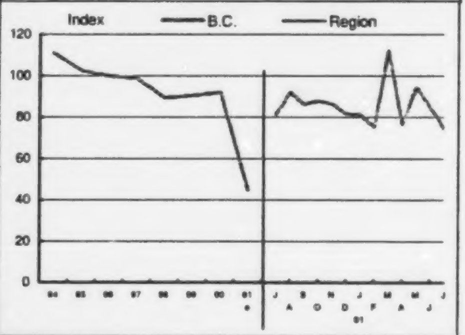


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	#N/A
1995	#N/A
1996	#N/A
1997	#N/A
1998	#N/A
1999	#N/A
2000	832
2001 e	643
Jan-Jul 00	524
Jan-Jul 01	405

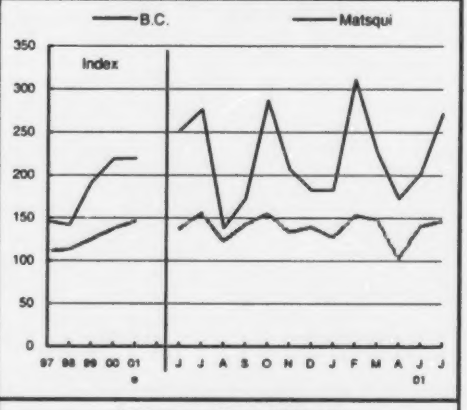
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



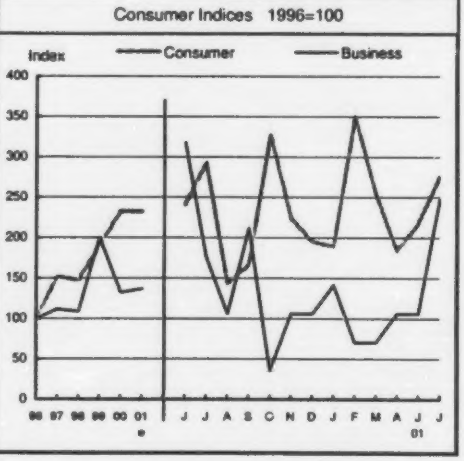
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	209	34	117	20	6436	948
1997	318	38	145	23	7,366	895
1998	308	37	147	27	7,327	1,031
1999	397	68	193	24	8,179	1,075
2000	487	45	213	22	9,181	976
2001 e	487	47	246	17	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	244	28	98	12	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	244	29	113	9	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '98	7.9	10.9	8.8	6.5	4.4
	Dec '98	7.7	10.4	9.0	6.4	4.2
	Mar '99	7.7	10.3	8.8	6.6	4.2
	Jun '99	7.5	10.1	8.2	6.3	4.2
	Sep '99	7.2	9.9	7.9	6.1	4.2
	Dec '99	7.1	9.6	8.0	6.0	4.2
	Mar '00	7.2	9.7	8.5	6.1	4.2
	Jun '00	7.1	9.6	8.3	6.0	4.2
	Sep '00	6.9	9.4	7.7	5.7	4.2
	Dec '00	6.6	9.0	7.6	5.6	4.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

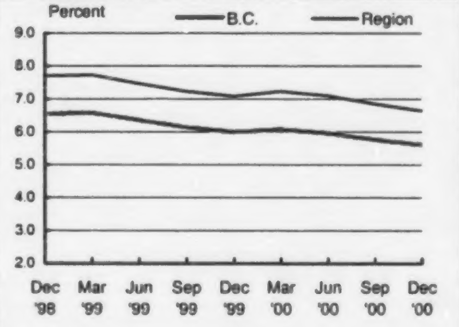
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.6	4.3	3.7	2.2	Sep '98
5.0	5.6	5.0	4.3	Dec '98
4.9	5.6	4.9	3.7	Mar '99
3.2	3.6	3.3	1.9	Jun '99
3.2	3.5	3.4	1.7	Sep '99
4.6	5.0	4.6	4.1	Dec '99
4.4	5.0	4.5	3.8	Mar '00
3.2	3.7	3.3	2.2	Jun '00
2.8	3.1	3.1	1.4	Sep '00
4.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	Dec '00

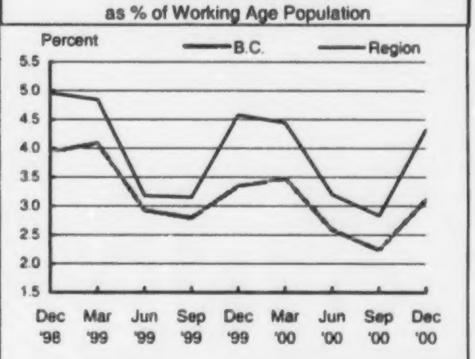
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	13,615	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	39.2	41.2
1-2 Years	17.8	17.8
>2 Years	43.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

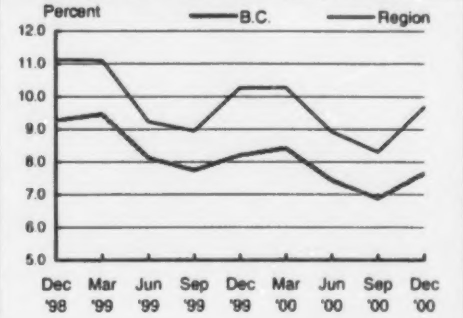
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Dec '98	11.1	14.2	11.2	8.1
	Mar '99	11.1	14.0	11.3	7.5
	Jun '99	9.2	11.5	9.5	5.7
	Sep '99	9.0	11.1	9.3	5.2
	Dec '99	10.3	12.6	10.4	7.6
	Mar '00	10.3	13.1	10.3	7.3
	Jun '00	8.9	11.7	9.1	5.5
	Sep '00	8.3	10.6	8.6	4.8
	Dec '00	9.7	11.4	9.8	7.5

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Although this region is still far more rural than the neighbouring GVRD, the population density is four times that of the province as a whole. The more rural nature of the region is one of the reasons for the substantially higher total fertility rate compared to the provincial rate. As a result, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is quite high for this region, with almost one and a half times the amount of births compared to deaths.

14 Projection

Net migration to this region has been high in the last couple of decades, and this will likely continue to be the case in the future, due to the large availability of land. However, growth should be tempered as a result of the GVRD's Livable Region Strategic Plan, which will make more efficient use of land in the Growth Concentration Area and draw more people into urban Vancouver. Despite this, the combination of continued high natural increase and substantial inflows of migrants will result in strong population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

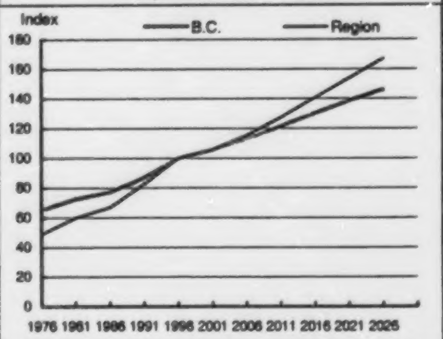
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	8.5	28.0	14.5	28.3	22.1	12.0	113.4	35.5	0.562	0.185	0.748	1976
1981	11.2	29.2	17.8	38.7	26.0	16.1	139.1	46.8	0.490	0.195	0.685	1981
1986	12.5	30.4	17.2	46.4	28.5	20.0	155.1	55.7	0.466	0.217	0.683	1986
1991	15.2	36.9	16.9	60.1	35.4	26.7	191.1	67.0	0.463	0.238	0.701	1991
1996	17.6	45.2	20.4	72.4	44.7	31.1	231.4	82.2	0.457	0.226	0.683	1996
2001	15.4	47.9	22.7	71.0	53.2	34.6	244.7	89.1	0.431	0.235	0.666	2001
2006	16.2	47.7	26.0	73.7	66.0	37.1	266.6	101.9	0.385	0.224	0.609	2006
2011	18.1	48.3	28.1	80.0	79.4	41.2	295.0	117.1	0.354	0.220	0.574	2011
2016	19.9	51.2	28.9	88.9	88.1	48.4	325.3	133.0	0.345	0.235	0.580	2016
2021	21.1	56.2	28.2	99.2	93.5	57.7	355.9	147.2	0.350	0.261	0.611	2021
2026	22.0	60.7	30.5	104.8	99.0	69.2	386.2	161.7	0.353	0.295	0.648	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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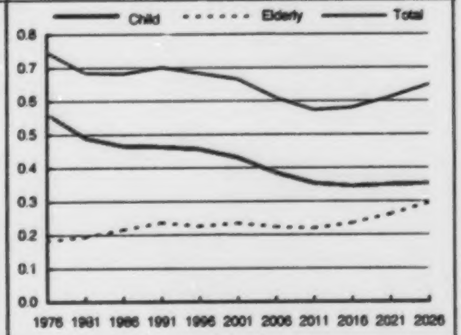

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Anmore, Belcarra, Bowen Island, Burnaby, City of Langley, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley DM, Lions Bay, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, North Vancouver City, North Vancouver DM, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Vancouver, West Vancouver, White Rock

This region constitutes the economic heart of the province. Manufacturing, trade, and service activity in the Vancouver area are the main economic drivers for the region as a whole. Areas in the region outside of metro Vancouver are mainly residential and industrial suburbs.

The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. This plan is certain to affect the growth patterns of this and neighbouring regions.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	the new Greater Vancouver RD							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	74,228	67,956	7,102	3,732	682	79,472	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,377	1,244	116	49	10	1,419	1.8%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	503	266	29	18	3	316	0.4%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	41	33	4	5	6	48	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	10,712	6,760	530	265	34	7,589	9.5%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	2,302	3,810	793	504	99	5,206	6.6%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	4,413	6,094	707	298	28	7,127	9.0%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	4,562	7,032	747	383	76	8,238	10.4%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	3,179	2,905	247	152	37	3,341	4.2%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,318	1,311	176	116	26	1,629	2.0%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	6,040	2,779	333	146	38	3,296	4.1%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12,233	3,564	291	143	18	4,016	5.1%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	11,681	9,747	629	296	35	10,707	13.5%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	4,862	1,646	177	98	9	1,930	2.4%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	3,336	3,561	337	173	31	4,102	5.2%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	509	746	116	55	27	944	1.2%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	640	5,972	404	200	74	6,650	8.4%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,306	1,013	105	89	23	1,230	1.5%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	1,771	3,718	1,037	615	39	5,409	6.8%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	3,441	5,686	313	101	35	6,135	7.7%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	2	69	11	26	34	140	0.2%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Langley City and District Municipality are included in Greater Vancouver.

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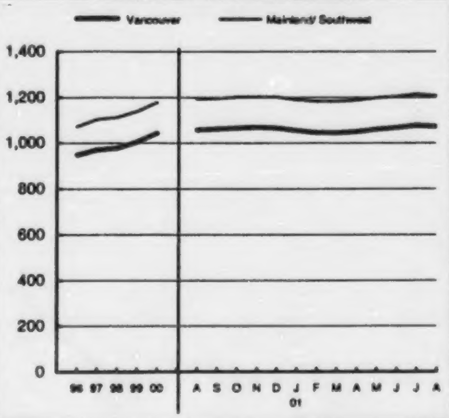
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver		Mainland/ Southwest		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991	832.8	8.5			1,572.6	10.1
	1992	859.8	9.0			1,620.3	10.2
	1993	869.5	9.3			1,675.9	9.7
	1994	908.9	8.6			1,754.0	9.0
	1995	929.6	7.9	1,055.8	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	948.6	8.0	1,073.4	8.3	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	971.3	8.3	1,104.0	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	979.6	8.1	1,113.4	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,005.4	7.8	1,140.1	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,044.5	5.9	1,177.9	6.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,005.7	6.8	1,143.3	7.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,011.5	6.5	1,147.2	6.8	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,011.6	6.4	1,143.8	6.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,017.3	6.0	1,147.2	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,023.1	5.8	1,153.4	6.1	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,036.6	5.7	1,169.1	6.0	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,048.4	5.9	1,181.9	6.1	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,058.3	6.2	1,192.9	6.4	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,062.3	6.2	1,196.1	6.5	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,066.7	6.1	1,202.1	6.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,069.3	5.5	1,202.5	5.7	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,067.2	5.2	1,202.5	5.4	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,055.7	5.4	1,191.0	5.6	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,046.4	5.9	1,183.9	6.0	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,045.7	6.1	1,183.5	6.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,050.7	5.9	1,188.1	6.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,060.2	5.6	1,198.8	5.7	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,068.1	5.7	1,205.2	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,077.8	5.8	1,215.0	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,072.9	6.4	1,208.2	6.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	1,033.0	6.1	1,165.9	6.4	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	1,059.7	6.1	1,196.6	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.6		2.6		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



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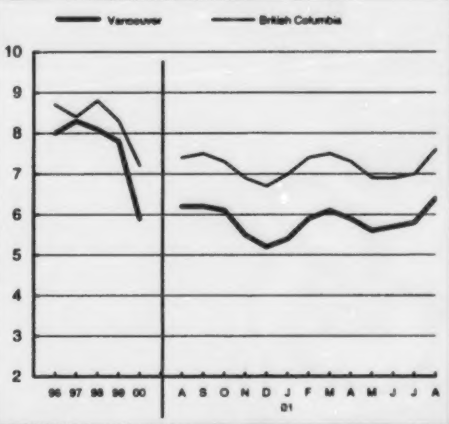


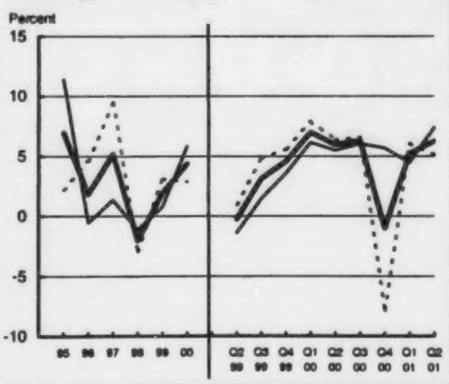
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
Quarterly data	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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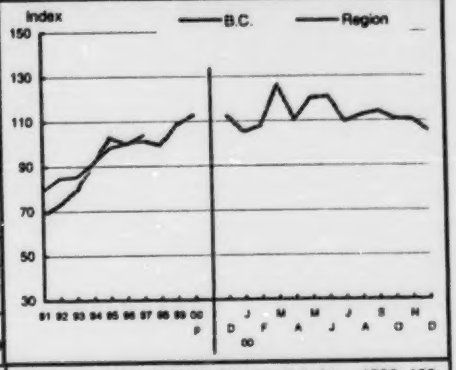
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics (to 1995, old GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette; 1996 & later, new GVRD)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	190	182	188	207	210
25	Wood	227	223	224	245	233
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	66	65	66	67	68
30	Metal Fabricating	336	331	355	409	405
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,266	2,187	2,415	2,665	2,574
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	2,367.6	2,450.1	2,527.8	2,465.5	2,579.5
25	Wood	2,380.5	2,537.1	2,591.2	2,490.8	2,586.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,759.7	1,816.5	1,837.1	1,870.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1,020.8	1,110.7	1,193.4	1,291.4	1,386.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	12,768.1	13,691.6	14,707.3	14,982.9	15,564.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	11,228	11,729	12,646	11,828	11,824
25	Wood	11,517	12,053	12,036	10,611	10,940
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	7,200	7,295	6,414	6,482
30	Metal Fabricating	7,638	7,916	8,119	7,765	8,531
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	74,676	78,292	80,398	77,890	82,741
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	370.2	397.5	421.8	389.0	387.9
25	Wood	433.5	488.8	511.3	465.5	472.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	315.5	334.4	314.8	309.0
30	Metal Fabricating	277.5	300.3	307.3	311.2	343.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,644.5	2,968.9	3,138.0	3,043.0	3,218.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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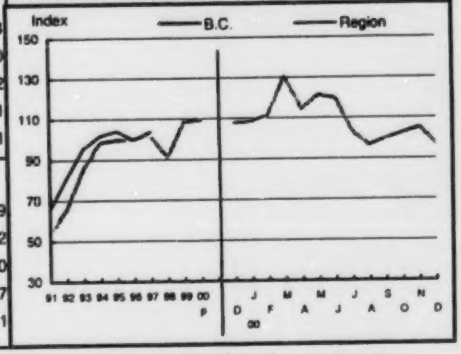
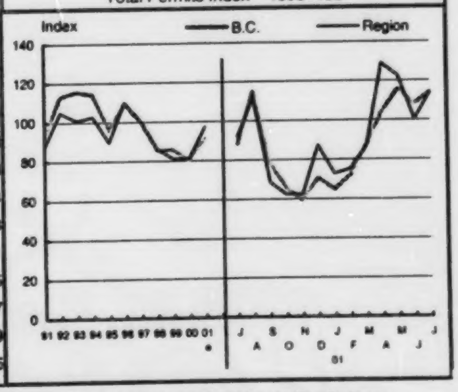


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	3,408.7	927.0	63.9	619.9	243.2	2,481.7	19,179
1995	2,973.1	1,037.5	100.0	580.8	356.7	1,935.6	13,753
1996	3,643.3	1,106.6	150.8	674.5	281.3	2,536.8	17,693
1997	3,315.2	1,164.6	163.8	848.2	152.6	2,150.6	15,214
1998	2,857.8	1,230.9	160.3	808.6	262.0	1,626.9	11,103
1999	2,692.0	1,119.8	175.2	654.3	290.3	1,572.2	9,921
2000	2,699.3	1,249.0	137.7	851.1	260.3	1,450.3	8,925
2001 e	3,225.5	1,342.8	114.1	843.8	384.9	1,882.7	11,197
Jul '00	1,615.9	748.5	70.9	513.5	164.2	867.4	5,209
Jul '01	1,936.6	810.6	58.7	509.1	242.8	1,126.0	6,535

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
Note: Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows included in GVRD commencing approx. August 1995

Greater Vancouver
Regional District

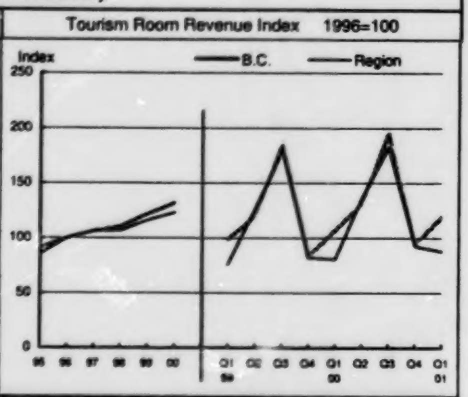
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Greater Vancouver Regional District	1997	537,177.6	82,700.5	148,961.2	202,018.9	103,497.1
	1998	538,024.0	87,187.0	142,928.2	204,774.9	103,133.9
	1999	585,814.5	96,251.9	159,453.1	226,458.4	103,651.0
	2000	621,314.7	102,181.8	171,518.3	230,626.5	116,988.1
	2001	111,025.9	111,025.9			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Greater Vancouver 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	621,835.0	100.0%	Motels	20,900.5	3.4%
Hotels	588,879.8	94.7%			
150+ Rooms	436,045.2	70.1%			
76-149 Rooms	116,182.0	18.7%			
1-75 Rooms	36,652.6	5.9%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

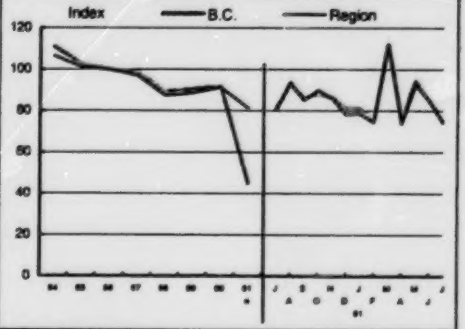


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations - Includes Dewdney-Alouette prior to 2000

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	17,278
1995	16,395
1996	16,224
1997	15,749
1998	14,179
1999	14,367
2000	14,807
2001 e	13,186
Jan-Jul 00	8,953
Jan-Jul 01	7,973

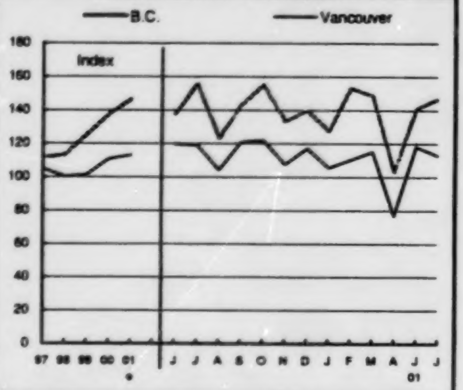
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



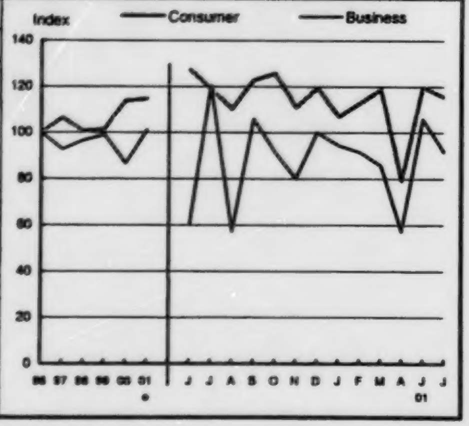
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	3374	419	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	3,593	389	7,366	895		
1998	3,399	405	7,327	1,031		
1999	3,428	415	8,179	1,075		
2000	3,842	363	9,181	976		
2001 e	3,871	424	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	2,019	185	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	2,034	216	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Sep '98	5.9	8.6	5.6	5.0	2.4
	Dec '98	5.7	8.2	5.1	4.9	2.3
	Mar '99	5.6	8.1	5.2	4.9	2.3
	Jun '99	5.3	7.9	4.9	4.6	2.3
	Sep '99	5.2	7.8	4.7	4.4	2.3
	Dec '99	5.0	7.5	4.5	4.3	2.3
	Mar '00	5.0	7.5	4.5	4.3	2.3
	Jun '00	4.9	7.3	4.4	4.2	2.3
	Sep '00	4.7	7.2	4.2	4.0	2.3
	Dec '00	4.6	6.9	4.1	3.9	2.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

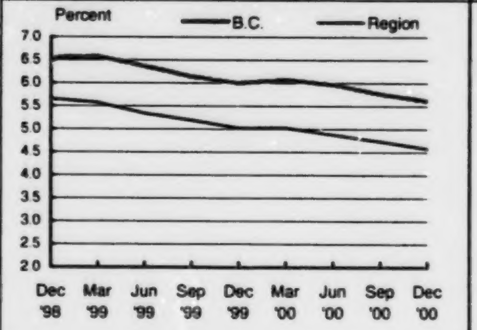
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.4	2.0	2.7	1.5	Sep '98
3.1	2.6	3.3	2.4	Dec '98
3.2	2.9	3.4	2.2	Mar '99
2.5	2.1	2.7	1.5	Jun '99
2.4	1.9	2.6	1.4	Sep '99
2.7	2.2	2.9	2.1	Dec '99
2.7	2.3	3.0	2.0	Mar '00
2.2	1.8	2.4	1.4	Jun '00
1.9	1.6	2.1	1.2	Sep '00
2.3	1.9	2.5	1.9	Dec '00

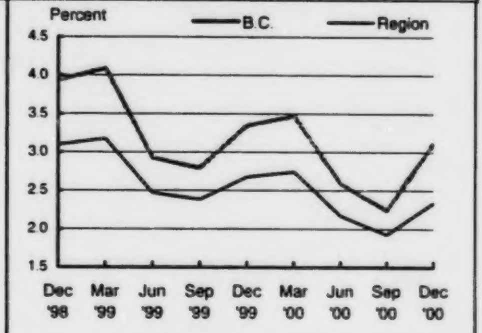
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	80,380	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	35.3	41.2
1-2 Years	17.5	17.8
>2 Years	47.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

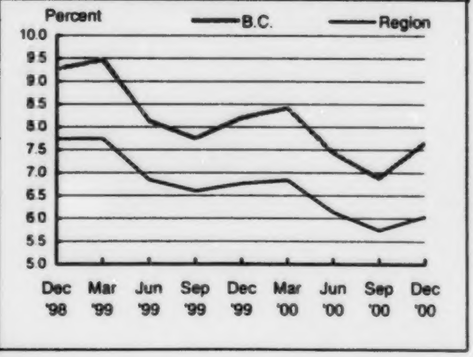
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Dec '98	7.7	7.6	8.1	5.9
	Mar '99	7.7	7.8	8.1	5.6
	Jun '99	6.8	6.8	7.2	4.7
	Sep '99	6.6	6.4	7.0	4.6
	Dec '99	6.8	6.5	7.1	5.2
	Mar '00	6.8	6.6	7.2	5.2
	Jun '00	6.1	6.0	6.5	4.5
	Sep '00	5.7	5.7	6.0	4.2
	Dec '00	6.0	5.8	6.3	4.9

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Greater Vancouver
Regional District

13 Demographics

This is the most densely populated region in the province, over 150 times more so than the province as a whole. Although the region comprises only a small portion of the land base of the province, it contains half the population. For this reason, many of the demographic characteristics of the area are similar to those of the province as a whole, although due to the more urban nature of the area, the total fertility rate is significantly lower than the provincial rate.

Net migration to this area has been quite strong over the last twenty years, and it is projected that this will continue to be the case over the next two decades as well. The region can expect an additional 800,000 people in the next 25 years.

14 Projection

The GVRD's intention to go ahead with the Livable Region Strategic Plan will likely slow the current trend of growth outward toward the Valley and shift growth back into the urban core. As a result, this region will continue to experience strong growth and will remain the main population centre in the province.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

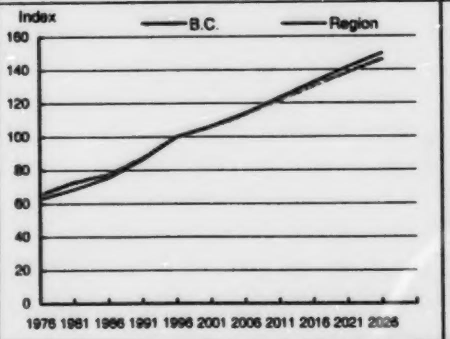
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	74.5	248.2	159.8	344.9	249.1	125.1	1,201.5	419.2	0.428	0.166	0.594	1976
1981	79.3	227.8	177.5	413.2	263.3	148.1	1,309.2	490.9	0.360	0.173	0.533	1981
1986	92.9	225.7	172.9	494.2	285.6	171.7	1,443.0	568.6	0.334	0.180	0.515	1986
1991	106.7	255.9	170.7	592.6	323.1	198.3	1,647.4	626.5	0.334	0.183	0.516	1991
1996	116.2	299.0	187.2	677.1	409.7	221.2	1,910.3	722.9	0.326	0.174	0.499	1996
2001	108.5	308.8	188.1	685.9	498.3	240.2	2,029.9	808.4	0.304	0.175	0.479	2001
2006	107.7	310.6	197.1	694.4	600.0	267.9	2,177.8	895.3	0.280	0.180	0.460	2006
2011	115.1	309.3	206.7	717.3	694.9	311.0	2,354.3	992.3	0.262	0.192	0.454	2011
2016	123.8	312.2	212.3	749.3	746.7	386.9	2,531.2	1,090.2	0.255	0.226	0.482	2016
2021	129.8	329.8	204.1	788.0	777.6	471.8	2,701.1	1,174.2	0.260	0.267	0.526	2021
2026	132.4	350.1	207.7	807.4	800.4	563.7	2,861.8	1,250.3	0.266	0.311	0.576	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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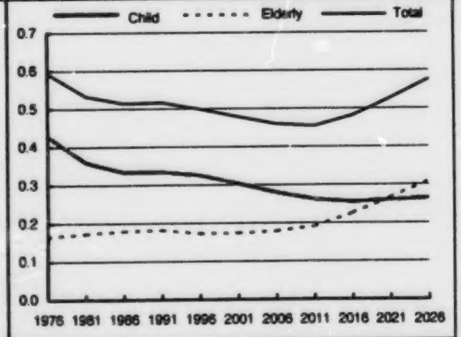


Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Hazelton, Kitimat, New Hazelton, Stewart, Terrace

Forestry and mining are significant economic drivers for this region. The Eskay Creek Mine near Stewart is one of the largest silver producers in the world. The Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999 due to ore depletion. The Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat is the main employer in that area and is the largest aluminum smelter in Canada outside Quebec.

There have been several developments affecting this region recently. The recent Nisga'a land claims settlement could have significant effects for the entire region, and the Nisga'a area in particular. However, the effects of the Nisga'a settlement are still largely unknown. This area is high in mineral potential and several new mines are being considered, which could have significant employment impacts for the region. In addition, Alcan has reached an agreement with the government over compensation for the Kemano Completion Project, which could lead to another smelter or smelter expansion in Kitimat. Also, the Cassiar TSA's Allowable Annual Cut underwent a threefold increase in the last AAC determination, which may create employment in Telegraph Creek and help supply the mills in Terrace, Prince Rupert and Kitimat.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kitimat-Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	783	1,403	123	59	12	1,597	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	144	235	15	5	0	255	16.0%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	5	[illegible]	0	0	5	0.3%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities		2	1	2	0	5	0.3%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	125	180	7	5	0	192	12.0%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	11	44	5	8	3	60	3.8%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	30	46	3	3	0	52	3.3%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	69	148	20	11	1	180	11.3%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	76	117	4	3	0	124	7.8%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	3	12	3	4	0	19	1.2%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	25	22	4	1	0	27	1.7%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	89	55	3	1	0	59	3.7%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	60	94	7	1	0	102	6.4%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	35	9	1	1	1	12	0.8%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	34	65	1	0	0	66	4.1%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	2	9	2	0	4	15	0.9%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	6	112	11	7	2	132	8.3%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10	20	5	0	0	25	1.6%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	23	83	19	2	0	104	6.5%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	40	131	3	0	0	134	8.4%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		14	9	5	1	29	1.8%	0.5%	815

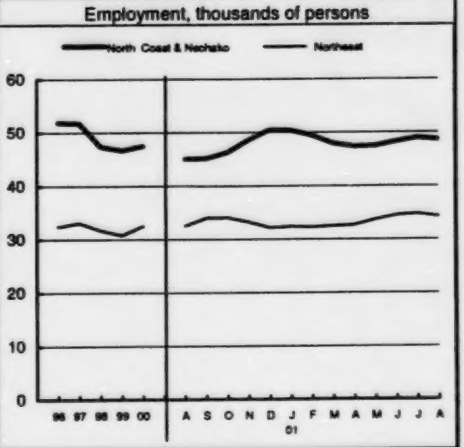
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

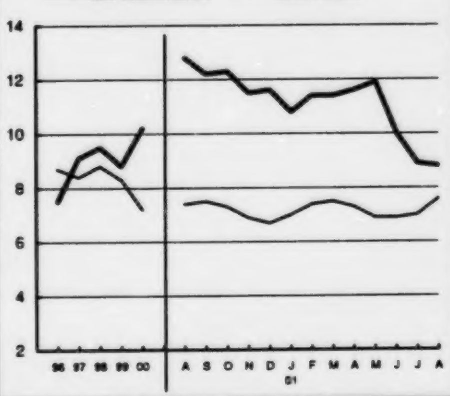
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	31.7	4.0	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	31.9	7.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	32.2	5.6	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	33.0	3.5	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	32.2	3.9	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	31.3	5.4	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	30.8	7.5	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	31.0	9.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	32.6	8.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	34.0	7.1	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	34.1	5.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	33.3	5.7	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	32.2	5.8	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	4.2	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	33.7	5.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	34.5	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	34.8	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	34.3	7.0	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	46.6	9.5	32.2	6.3	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	33.6	5.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	3.3		4.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



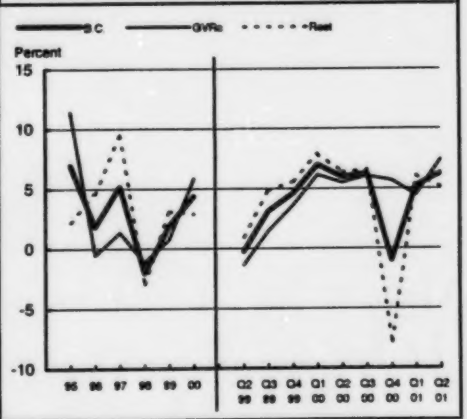
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

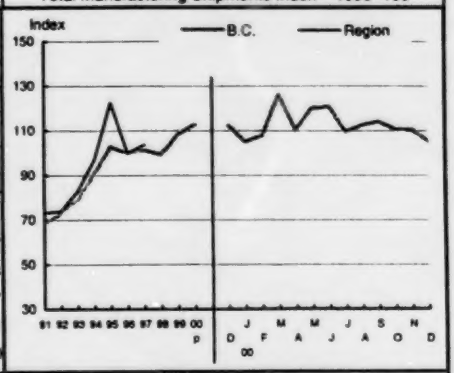


Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

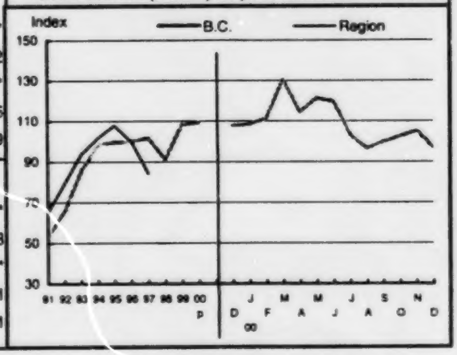
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	7	9	9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	5	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	5	4	2	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	21	19	27	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	218.6	237.6	251.7	233.3	196.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	7.2	6.1	**	10.8	12.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	910.5	1,063.8	1,343.1	1,096.9	1,138.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	23	0	**	**
25	Wood	819	615	689	619	622
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	42	29	**	44	55
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,405	3,064	3,411	4,010	3,879
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.8	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	39.6	37.0	38.2	36.1	31.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	0.9	**	1.7	2.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	199.6	178.3	198.5	195.2	190.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

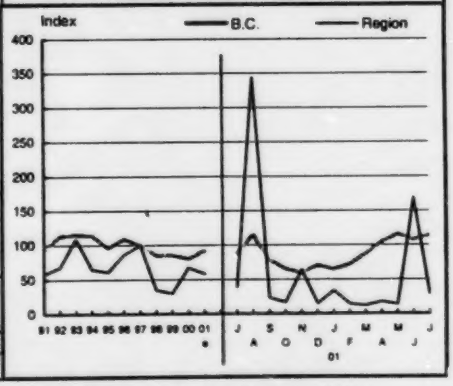


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	30.7	14.8	2.8	5.1	6.9	15.8	111
1995	28.9	11.8	3.0	7.5	1.3	17.1	112
1996	41.0	17.8	7.0	9.6	1.2	23.2	174
1997	47.4	28.5	17.1	10.5	0.9	18.8	125
1998	16.4	6.4	2.6	2.4	1.3	10.0	50
1999	14.4	7.5	3.8	3.5	0.3	6.8	32
2000	31.7	25.4	0.3	3.8	21.3	6.4	25
2001 e	27.9	24.4	0.1	3.8	20.5	3.5	11
Jul '00	13.5	9.8	0.3	2.3	7.3	3.7	16
Jul '01	11.4	9.4	0.1	2.3	7.0	2.0	7

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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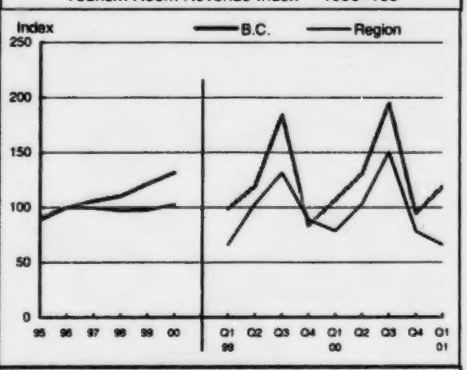
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	1997	8,416.4	1,490.1	2,302.5	2,796.8	1,827.1
	1998	8,197.1	1,514.0	2,192.2	2,821.8	1,669.0
	1999	8,243.3	1,400.8	2,184.4	2,777.5	1,880.6
	2000	8,684.9	1,664.9	2,184.7	3,175.0	1,660.2
	2001	1,396.8	1,396.8			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Kitimat-Stikine 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,689.9	100.0%
Hotels	3,395.5	39.1%
Motels	4,736.2	54.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

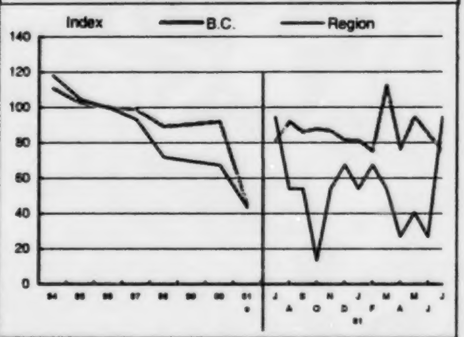


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	105
1995	93
1996	89
1997	83
1998	64
1999	62
2000	60
2001 e	39
Jan-Jul 00	42
Jan-Jul 01	27

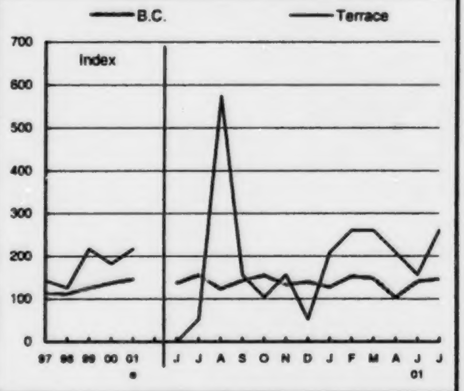
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



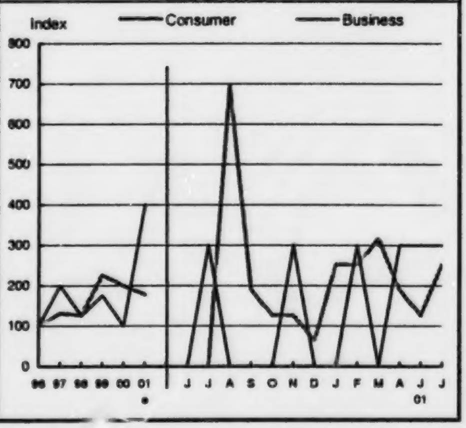
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	19	4	17	2	6436	948
1997	25	8	10	1	7,366	895
1998	24	5	6	1	7,327	1,031
1999	43	7	21	0	8,179	1,075
2000	38	4	27	0	9,181	976
2001 e	34	16	54	0	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	19	1	8	0	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	17	4	16	0	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Sep '98	9.1	11.6	15.1	7.1	4.3
	Dec '98	8.9	10.9	14.2	7.3	3.9
	Mar '99	8.9	10.9	14.5	7.2	3.9
	Jun '99	9.0	11.1	13.9	7.3	3.9
	Sep '99	8.5	10.7	13.0	6.8	3.9
	Dec '99	8.6	10.6	13.0	7.0	3.9
	Mar '00	8.7	10.8	13.2	7.2	3.9
	Jun '00	8.9	11.3	13.8	7.1	3.9
	Sep '00	8.4	11.0	12.9	6.5	3.9
	Dec '00	8.3	10.4	12.9	6.6	3.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

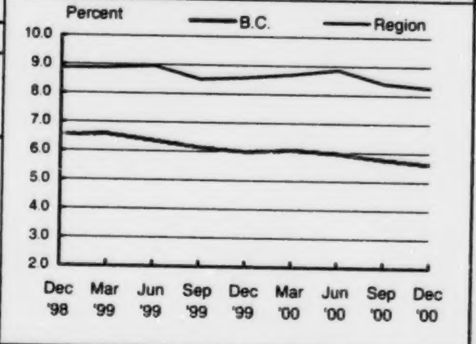
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.3	3.8	4.6	3.2	Sep '98
6.8	6.5	7.2	4.6	Dec '98
7.6	7.4	8.1	4.6	Mar '99
4.7	4.1	5.1	2.8	Jun '99
4.2	3.3	4.7	2.4	Sep '99
5.3	4.4	5.8	3.5	Dec '99
5.7	4.7	6.1	3.9	Mar '00
3.3	2.8	3.7	2.1	Jun '00
3.1	2.6	3.4	2.3	Sep '00
4.7	4.5	4.9	3.8	Dec '00

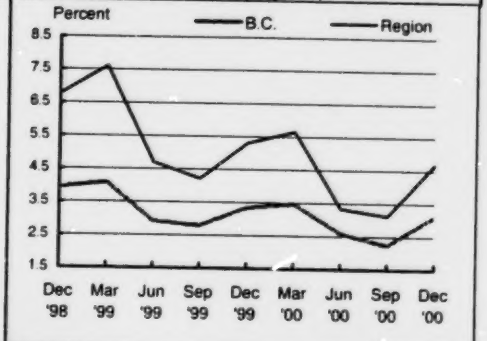
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,053	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.3	41.2
1-2 Years	17.6	17.8
>2 Years	35.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

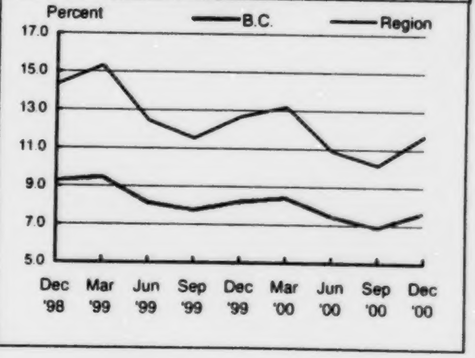
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Dec '98	14.3	20.1	14.1	9.1
	Mar '99	15.3	21.6	15.1	9.3
	Jun '99	12.5	17.8	12.3	7.6
	Sep '99	11.5	16.2	11.4	7.1
	Dec '99	12.7	17.1	12.6	8.2
	Mar '00	13.2	17.6	13.2	8.5
	Jun '00	10.9	16.4	10.6	6.5
	Sep '00	10.2	15.4	9.7	6.8
	Dec '00	11.7	17.2	11.3	8.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio for this region is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. This is likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. The median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children and far fewer elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This region is expected to experience moderate growth throughout the projection period from a combination of positive natural increase (excess of births over deaths) and positive net migration and there may be some bursts of growth if proposed projects such as smelter expansion or new mines become reality.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	11.7	5.5	11.8	5.0	1.0	39.2	10.4	0.713	0.046	0.759	1976
1981	4.3	11.3	6.5	14.0	5.6	1.1	43.0	12.5	0.598	0.043	0.642	1981
1986	3.9	10.0	5.0	13.7	6.3	1.5	40.3	12.6	0.555	0.060	0.615	1986
1991	4.0	9.9	4.8	14.7	7.4	2.0	42.7	13.8	0.517	0.074	0.591	1991
1996	3.7	10.2	4.8	15.3	8.7	2.6	45.5	15.2	0.485	0.091	0.576	1996
2001	3.0	10.5	5.0	14.9	10.3	3.3	47.1	16.4	0.446	0.110	0.557	2001
2006	3.0	9.7	5.5	14.7	12.7	4.0	49.7	18.4	0.386	0.123	0.509	2006
2011	3.1	8.7	5.6	14.8	14.5	5.2	51.9	20.4	0.338	0.150	0.488	2011
2016	3.2	8.2	5.2	15.2	15.3	6.8	53.9	22.2	0.319	0.190	0.509	2016
2021	3.1	8.5	4.3	15.9	15.2	8.5	55.4	23.1	0.328	0.241	0.568	2021
2026	3.0	8.5	4.4	15.4	14.9	10.4	56.5	23.8	0.331	0.299	0.631	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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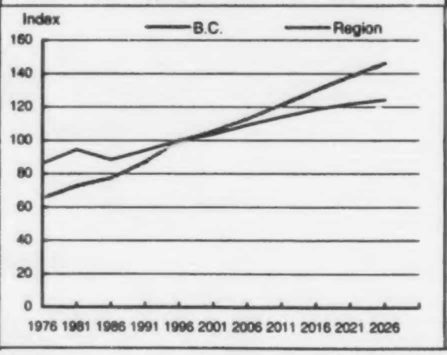
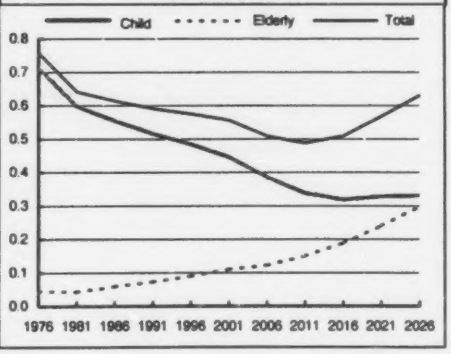


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

QRS
Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fruitvale, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, Montrose, Rossland, Trail, Warfield

The Cominco Smelter at Trail is the main economic driver for this region. Most of the people working in the Trail area are either directly employed by Cominco, or work in a job providing goods and services that is directly or indirectly dependent on Cominco. In the Grand Forks and Kettle Valley areas, forestry is the main economic driver.

There are major hydroelectric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost employment for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit to begin in 2002. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway and the Brilliant dam is being updated and expanded, with completion expected in 2002.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay-Boundary							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	691	1,135	64	38	10	1,247	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	77	96	2	5	0	103	8.3%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	5	5	0	0	0	5	0.4%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	1	5	0.4%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	117	111	2	4	1	118	9.5%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	26	57	5	4	2	68	5.5%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	32	36	5	1	0	42	3.4%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	92	160	12	4	0	176	14.1%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	27	50	3	0	0	53	4.3%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	14	0	0	0	14	1.1%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	22	19	2	1	1	23	1.8%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	92	43	2	0	1	46	3.7%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	56	78	1	0	0	79	6.3%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	27	9	0	0	0	9	0.7%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	24	43	1	0	0	44	3.5%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	5	11	2	0	3	16	1.3%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	6	114	6	10	1	131	10.5%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9	34	1	2	0	37	3.0%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	21	112	14	4	0	130	10.4%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	47	121	3	1	0	125	10.0%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		19	2	2	0	23	1.8%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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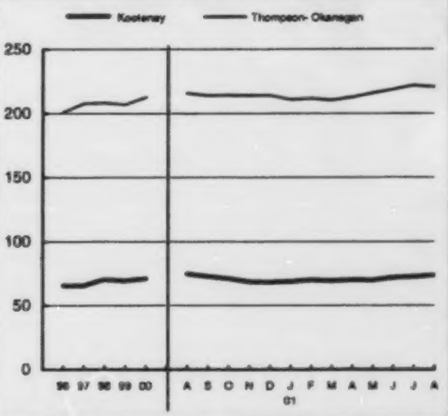
Regional District

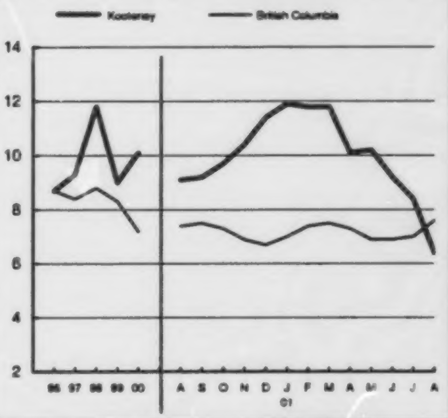
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay Emp. ('000)	Kootenay Unemp. %	Thompson-Okanagan Emp. ('000)	Thompson-Okanagan Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	67.4	9.6	204.1	9.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	68.5	10.1	204.9	9.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	69.6	10.1	206.0	10.3	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	70.5	11.1	207.6	11.4	1,919.7	7.4
	May	71.8	10.8	212.8	10.9	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	73.7	9.9	216.7	9.8	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	74.7	9.5	219.0	8.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	74.8	9.1	215.8	8.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	72.8	9.2	214.1	8.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	71.0	9.7	214.2	8.4	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	68.7	10.4	213.9	8.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	68.5	11.4	213.9	8.0	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May	69.9	10.2	216.0	8.4	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	72.0	9.2	218.7	8.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	72.6	8.4	221.8	9.2	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	73.7	6.4	220.7	10.3	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	72.3	9.9	212.0	9.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	71.6	9.2	216.4	9.6	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-1.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



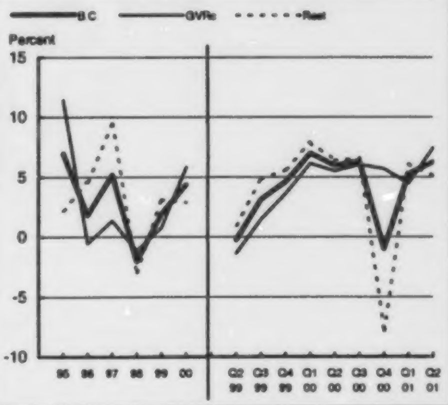
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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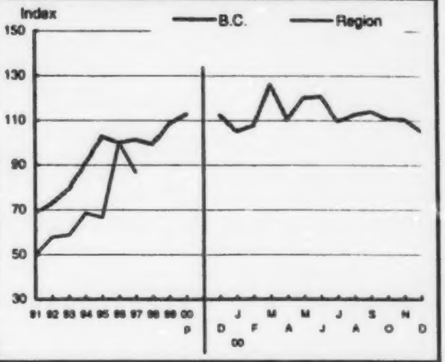
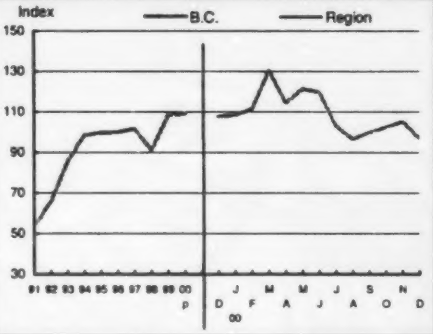
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	6	6	5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	2	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	19	19	22	20
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	219.1	176.0	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	143.2	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	359.4	420.0	406.8	611.9	530.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	991	728	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	453	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,043	3,139	2,826	2,889	2,888
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	42.2	34.4	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	22.3	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	137.2	145.1	141.9	148.6	166.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

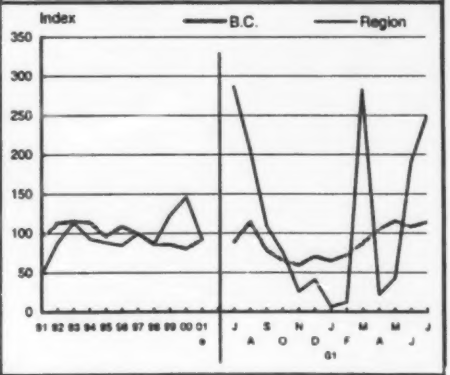


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	38.1	10.5	1.9	7.7	0.9	27.6	269
1995	36.2	19.0	11.8	3.9	3.4	17.2	147
1996	34.8	17.5	6.4	10.2	0.8	17.3	162
1997	41.0	18.0	5.4	10.3	2.4	23.0	220
1998	35.5	11.4	1.8	7.9	1.7	24.1	185
1999	50.4	25.2	12.3	7.2	5.8	25.2	233
2000	60.0	30.8	19.2	10.0	1.6	29.2	189
2001 e	37.8	20.4	3.3	4.0	13.1	17.4	128
Jul '00	44.3	24.7	19.1	5.1	0.4	19.6	123
Jul '01	27.5	15.9	3.3	2.1	10.5	11.6	83

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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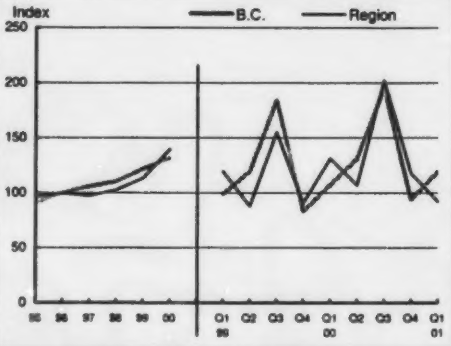
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	1997	4,334.1	1,186.5	904.8	1,409.4	833.5
	1998	4,560.5	1,179.0	983.6	1,562.2	835.8
	1999	5,029.8	1,327.6	976.1	1,717.7	1,008.4
	2000	6,199.4	1,458.3	1,189.2	2,243.9	1,307.9
	2001	1,023.9	1,023.9			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Kootenay-B'ndary 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	6,203.0	100.0%
Hotels	2,044.7	33.0%
Motels	3,827.0	61.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

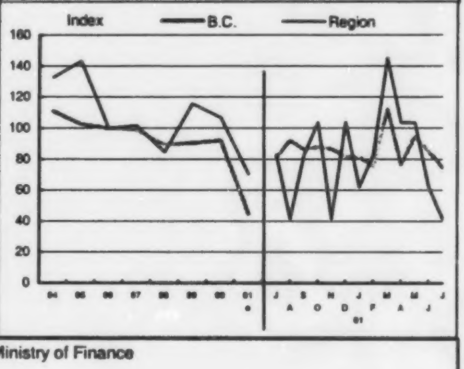


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	77
1995	83
1996	58
1997	59
1998	49
1999	67
2000	62
2001 e	41
Jan-Jul 00	44
Jan-Jul 01	29

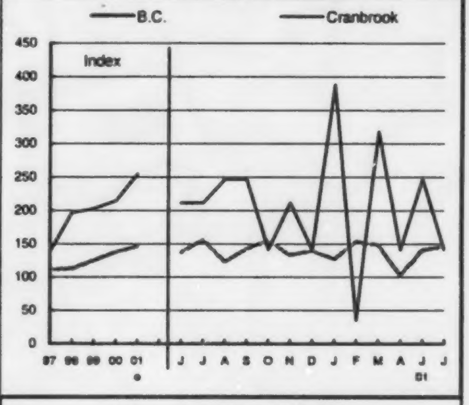
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



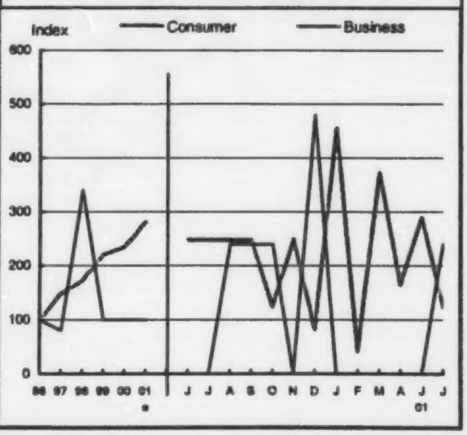
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
Year	29	5	472	99	6436	948
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	82	5	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	35	3	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	42	3	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 **Basic BC Benefits** (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Sep '98	7.0	10.0	9.1	6.0	3.7
	Dec '98	6.9	9.2	9.3	6.2	3.3
	Mar '99	7.0	9.8	8.2	6.3	3.5
	Jun '99	6.6	9.4	7.0	5.9	3.5
	Sep '99	6.6	9.5	6.7	5.8	3.5
	Dec '99	6.4	8.8	7.7	5.7	3.5
	Mar '00	6.7	9.3	8.1	6.1	3.5
	Jun '00	6.9	9.8	7.4	6.0	3.5
	Sep '00	6.5	9.1	7.4	5.6	3.5
	Dec '00	6.2	8.4	7.2	5.4	3.5

11 **Employment Insurance** (was UI)

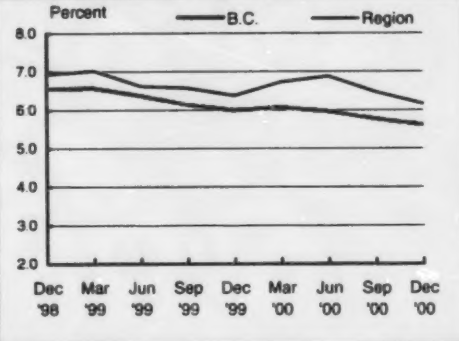
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	3.2	3.1	1.2	Sep '98
4.2	5.9	4.5	1.7	Dec '98
4.8	6.6	5.2	1.9	Mar '99
3.1	3.7	3.4	1.6	Jun '99
2.9	3.2	3.2	1.4	Sep '99
4.3	6.0	4.8	1.2	Dec '99
4.7	6.2	5.3	1.3	Mar '00
3.0	3.1	3.5	1.3	Jun '00
2.3	2.7	2.5	1.4	Sep '00
3.9	5.4	4.3	1.7	Dec '00

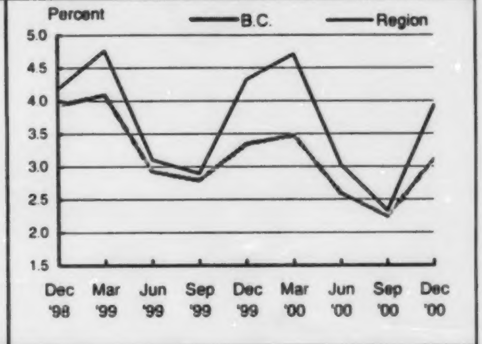
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,736	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.7	41.2
1-2 Years	18.0	17.8
>2 Years	39.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

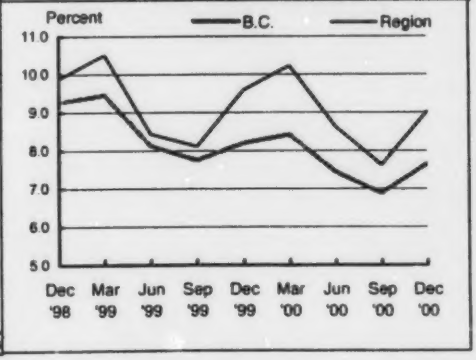
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Dec '98	9.9	14.7	10.5	4.7
	Mar '99	10.5	14.6	11.3	4.8
	Jun '99	8.4	10.4	9.2	4.4
	Sep '99	8.1	9.8	8.9	4.1
	Dec '99	9.6	13.5	10.4	4.1
	Mar '00	10.2	13.9	11.2	4.0
	Jun '00	8.6	10.4	9.4	4.4
	Sep '00	7.6	10.0	8.0	4.6
	Dec '00	9.0	12.5	9.5	5.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is significantly older than the provincial median. As a result, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. However, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population is also higher than the provincial ratio. This age structure is likely the result of layoffs in the resource sectors and at Cominco, that have forced those young workers with less seniority to move elsewhere to find jobs. Those left behind are generally older and more likely to have families.

14 Projection

The construction activity associated with the dam upgrading and expansion should provide a boost in migration to this region, although following the period of construction, there could be an outflow as the construction force moves on. This region is expected to receive small net inflows of migrants over the projection period and this will lead to slow, steady population growth, although near the end of the projection the losses due to a negative natural increase (i.e., deaths outnumbering births) may outweigh inflows of migrants and there could be a slight population decline.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.2	7.5	4.2	7.8	7.5	3.3	32.5	10.9	0.500	0.170	0.670	1976
1981	2.3	6.8	4.4	9.2	7.2	4.2	34.1	12.4	0.436	0.200	0.637	1981
1986	2.2	5.8	2.8	9.0	6.8	4.7	31.4	12.3	0.431	0.250	0.681	1986
1991	2.0	5.9	2.5	9.7	6.7	5.2	32.0	12.7	0.417	0.275	0.692	1991
1996	1.8	6.4	2.4	9.7	8.1	5.7	34.1	13.9	0.404	0.281	0.686	1996
2001	1.4	5.7	3.2	8.2	9.3	6.2	34.0	14.0	0.343	0.298	0.640	2001
2006	1.5	4.9	3.4	7.8	11.0	6.6	35.2	15.9	0.290	0.298	0.589	2006
2011	1.6	4.4	3.0	8.0	11.6	6.9	35.6	16.8	0.265	0.307	0.572	2011
2016	1.7	4.4	2.6	8.6	10.9	7.9	36.1	17.5	0.278	0.359	0.637	2016
2021	1.5	4.7	2.2	9.1	9.6	9.2	36.3	17.7	0.299	0.439	0.737	2021
2026	1.3	4.7	2.4	8.5	9.1	10.3	36.2	18.0	0.301	0.516	0.817	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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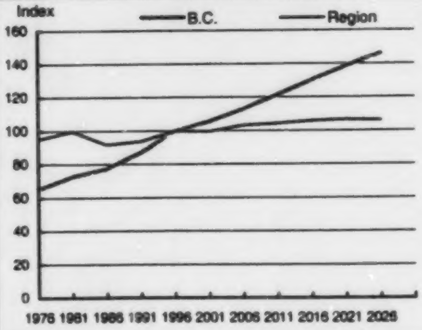

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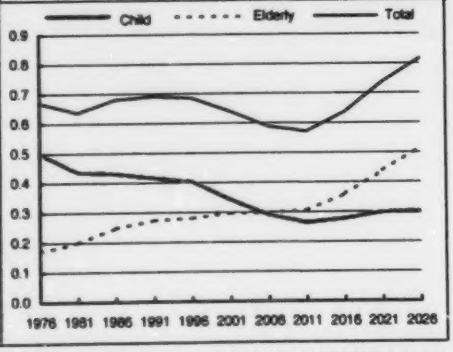

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Mount Waddington
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill

Forestry is by far the most important economic activity in this region, although fishing and tourism also play significant roles. The forest sector is dominated by logging activity and the pulp mill at Port Alice.

Developments in the resource sectors will likely determine the amount and direction of population growth in this area. The downturn in the forest sector, reductions to the commercial fishing fleet and downsizing by the Federal government have hurt this region and outmigration has resulted.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mount Waddington							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	346	574	44	14	3	635	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	85	120	7	5	1	133	20.9%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.		1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	39	52	3	0	0	55	8.7%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	19	29	2	1	1	33	5.2%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	21	24	1	0	0	25	3.9%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	26	69	7	2	0	78	12.3%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	20	47	0	0	0	47	7.4%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1	7	0	0	0	7	1.1%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	8	6	1	0	0	7	1.1%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	32	13	0	0	0	13	2.0%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	18	29	0	0	0	29	4.6%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	23	5	0	0	0	5	0.8%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	6	19	2	0	0	21	3.3%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services		2	0	0	1	3	0.5%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1	31	3	1	0	35	5.5%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	6	17	1	0	0	18	2.8%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	18	57	10	3	0	70	11.0%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	22	39	4	0	0	43	6.8%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	1	7	3	2	0	12	1.9%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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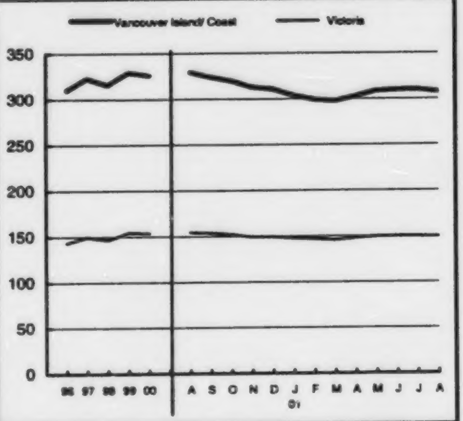
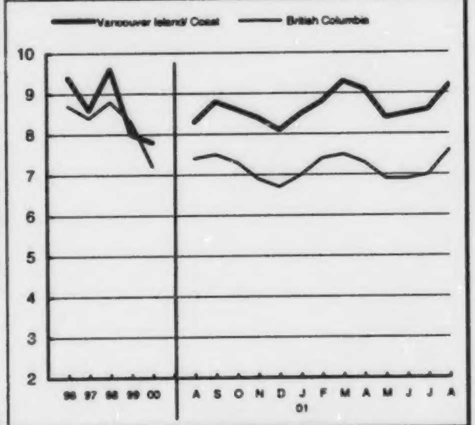
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991				134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	332.4	7.6	155.4	6.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-8.4		-4.5		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



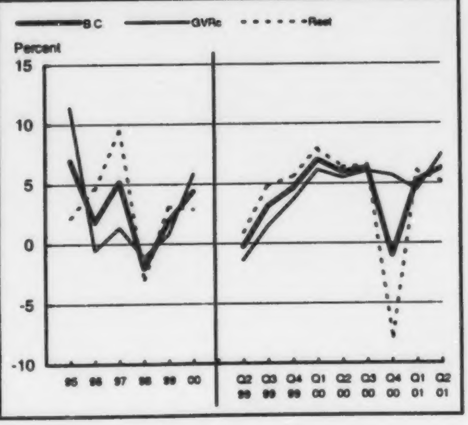
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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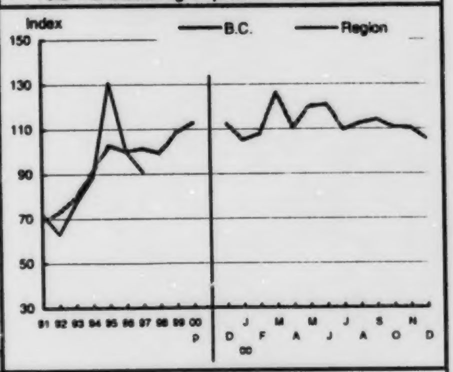
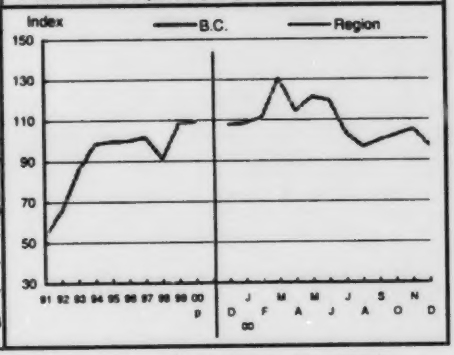
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	4	4
25	Wood	1	1	2	4	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	2	1	3	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	10	15	19	18
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	33.2
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	210.9	242.5	358.2	274.2	248.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	196
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	900	1,024	1,057	1,045	1,095
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	5.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42.7	45.7	54.4	52.9	60.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

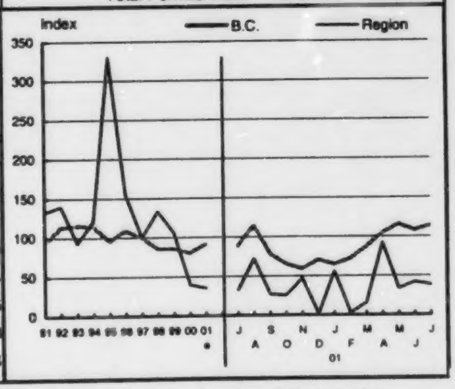
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	7.3	2.2	0.4	1.2	0.6	5.1	50
1995	19.9	12.1	0.5	2.2	9.4	7.8	65
1996	9.3	2.1	0.6	1.3	0.2	7.2	67
1997	6.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	4.1	30
1998	8.0	5.2	0.4	2.2	2.6	2.8	21
1999	6.4	4.7	1.5	1.1	2.2	1.7	9
2000	2.4	1.3	0.2	1.1	0.0	1.0	4
2001 e	2.1	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.5	5
Jul '00	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.7	3
Jul '01	1.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0	4

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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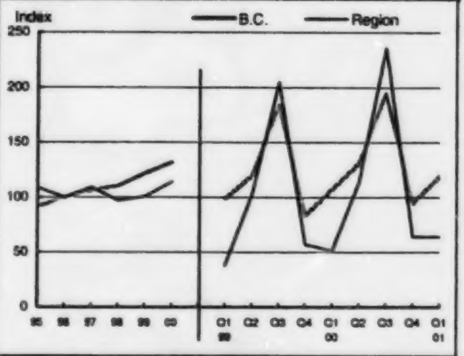
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mt. Waddington Regional District	1997	4,993.9	536.0	1,302.2	2,517.1	638.7
	1998	4,432.5	536.1	1,132.5	2,227.2	536.8
	1999	4,607.0	435.8	1,173.3	2,339.8	658.0
	2000	5,318.3	589.3	1,302.7	2,693.0	733.2
	2001	732.8	732.8			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,069.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Mt. Waddington 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	5,221.9	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

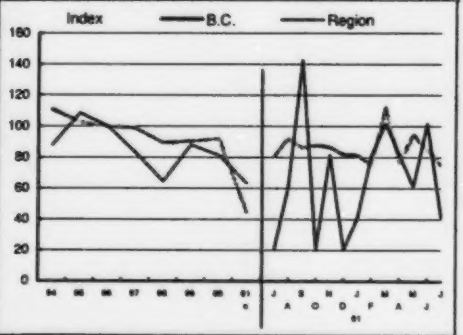


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	52
1995	64
1996	59
1997	49
1998	38
1999	52
2000	48
2001 e	38
Jan-Jul 00	32
Jan-Jul 01	25

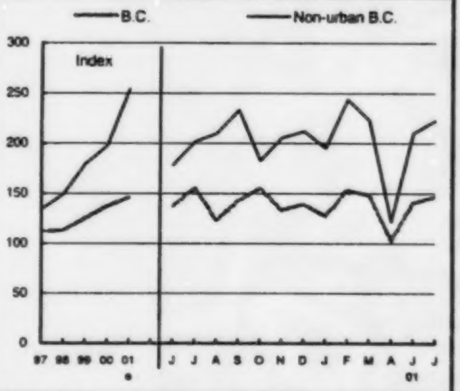
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



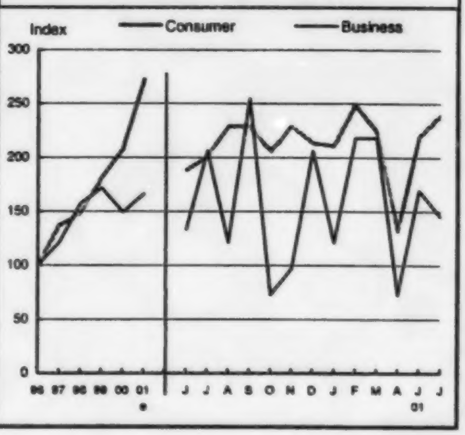
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	646	120	7,366	895		
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031		
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075		
2000	983	148	9,181	976		
2001 e	1,285	165	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

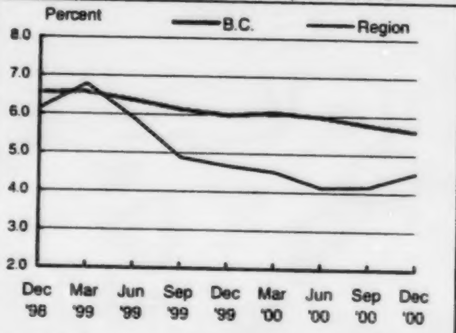
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '98	5.7	7.7	9.4	4.5	3.0
	Dec '98	6.1	8.2	10.3	4.8	2.9
	Mar '99	6.8	9.2	11.9	5.1	3.5
	Jun '99	5.9	8.4	9.6	4.4	3.5
	Sep '99	4.9	6.6	7.6	3.8	3.5
	Dec '99	4.7	6.5	6.3	3.7	3.5
	Mar '00	4.5	5.6	6.7	3.8	3.5
	Jun '00	4.1	5.6	5.2	3.4	3.5
	Sep '00	4.2	5.5	6.3	3.3	3.5
	Dec '00	4.5	5.8	8.6	3.4	3.5

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	578	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	64.6	41.2
1-2 Years	15.1	17.8
>2 Years	20.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



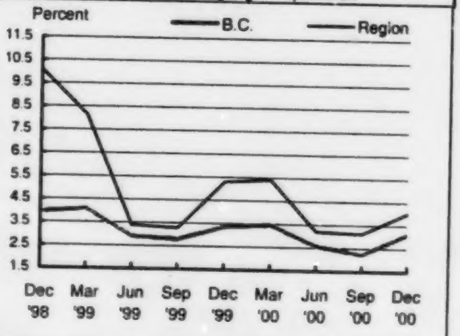
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.4	6.4	4.5	2.4	Sep '98
10.1	9.4	10.6	7.7	Dec '98
8.1	7.4	8.7	5.5	Mar '99
3.4	3.1	3.7	1.7	Jun '99
3.3	2.6	3.6	2.3	Sep '99
5.3	3.9	5.8	3.8	Dec '99
5.4	4.7	5.7	4.5	Mar '00
3.2	5.2	3.1	2.1	Jun '00
3.1	3.1	3.2	2.8	Sep '00
4.0	4.0	4.1	3.9	Dec '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

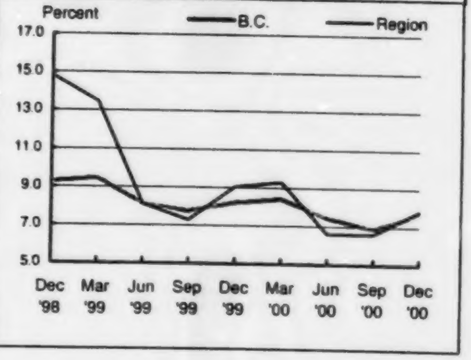
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Dec '98	14.8	19.1	14.9	10.6
	Mar '99	13.5	18.7	13.5	8.6
	Jun '99	8.1	12.4	8.1	4.5
	Sep '99	7.3	10.1	7.3	4.9
	Dec '99	9.0	9.9	9.4	6.3
	Mar '00	9.3	10.9	9.3	7.7
	Jun '00	6.6	10.3	6.3	4.8
	Sep '00	6.6	9.4	6.4	5.7
	Dec '00	7.8	12.4	7.3	6.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors is the reason for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, where there are more females than males. Since women tend to live longer than men, this partially explains the substantially younger median age at death compared to the province as a whole.

The median age of the population is also substantially younger than the provincial median and this is reflected in the child and elderly dependency ratios. The child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the provincial ratio, while the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is substantially lower than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The long-term outlook for this region is for consistent net migration outflows. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will offset the migration outflows for part of the projection period, but as the population ages and the natural increase declines, there will be some population decline.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

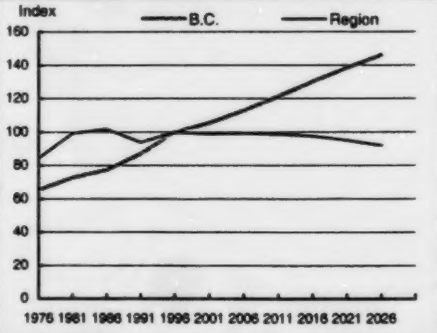
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	1.4	3.3	1.9	4.4	1.6	0.3	12.8	3.6	0.593	0.042	0.635	1976
1981	1.7	3.4	2.3	5.6	1.8	0.3	15.1	4.8	0.528	0.035	0.563	1981
1986	1.6	3.5	1.8	6.0	2.1	0.4	15.5	5.2	0.513	0.040	0.554	1986
1991	1.3	3.3	1.3	5.4	2.5	0.5	14.3	5.0	0.501	0.054	0.555	1991
1996	1.2	3.4	1.4	5.4	3.2	0.6	15.2	5.5	0.460	0.061	0.521	1996
2001	1.1	3.1	1.4	5.1	3.7	0.8	15.1	5.7	0.407	0.076	0.483	2001
2006	1.0	2.8	1.2	5.3	4.0	0.8	15.1	6.1	0.359	0.080	0.439	2006
2011	0.9	2.6	0.9	5.4	4.1	1.1	15.0	6.4	0.335	0.107	0.442	2011
2016	0.8	2.4	0.9	5.1	4.2	1.5	14.8	6.5	0.312	0.144	0.457	2016
2021	0.8	2.2	0.8	4.9	4.1	1.8	14.5	6.5	0.301	0.187	0.488	2021
2026	0.7	2.0	0.6	4.4	4.3	1.9	14.0	6.4	0.287	0.208	0.494	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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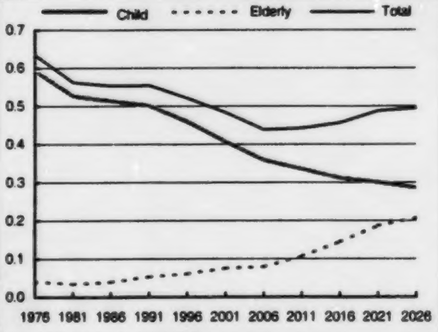

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Nanaimo
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach

Forestry is the primary economic driver in this region. The forest sector includes logging, lumber milling, veneer production, and pulp manufacturing. In addition to forestry, the service sector is an important segment of the economy. The City of Nanaimo is the main service and distribution centre for central Vancouver Island. The Qualicum area is a growing retirement centre, which also drives the service sector.

This region has experienced a great deal of residential construction in past years, with a few developments still underway in Parksville. This is a reflection of the strong population growth experienced recently in this region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nanaimo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,933	4,012	322	118	21	4,473	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	227	180	15	9	1	205	4.6%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	12	1	0	0	13	0.3%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	2	2	1	0	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	891	524	37	4	1	566	12.7%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	147	187	15	10	3	215	4.8%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	134	218	13	5	0	236	5.3%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	277	542	45	21	3	611	13.7%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	175	182	10	5	0	197	4.4%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	27	29	9	1	1	40	0.9%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	205	117	12	4	2	135	3.0%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	568	147	12	4	1	164	3.7%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	420	434	18	1	0	453	10.1%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	192	76	2	1	0	79	1.8%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	180	193	17	4	2	216	4.8%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	28	30	1	0	3	34	0.8%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	38	441	31	13	3	488	10.9%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	54	69	9	5	0	83	1.9%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	131	271	62	26	0	359	8.0%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	247	343	11	2	0	356	8.0%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		15	1	3	1	20	0.4%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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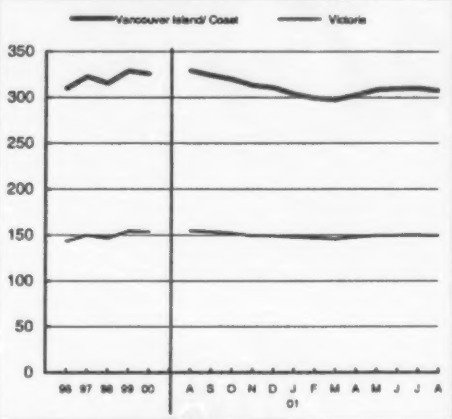
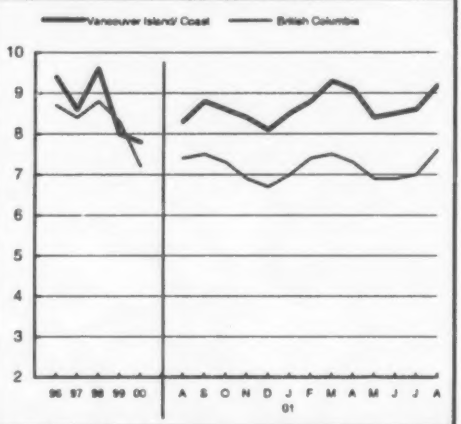
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991			134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	332.4	7.6	155.4	6.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-8.4		-4.5		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



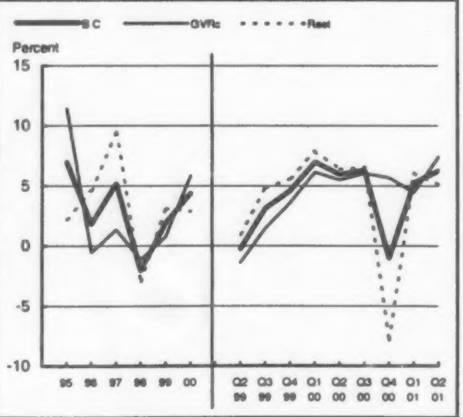
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
Quarterly data	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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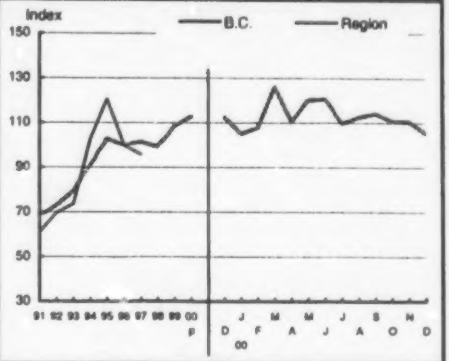
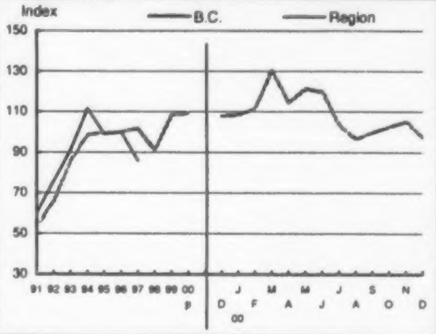
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	3	3	4	4
25	Wood	17	17	18	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	5	6	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	11	9	11	14	13
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	65	65	76	95	90
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	10.8	14.4
25	Wood	343.4	420.3	372.8	376.4	323.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	360.5	326.5	330.7	271.5
30	Metal Fabricating	7.5	9.7	**	13.6	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	533.1	742.9	870.6	722.7	692.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	97	137
25	Wood	1,021	1,235	896	998	1,040
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	926	677	789	777
30	Metal Fabricating	94	119	**	136	153
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,493	2,831	2,659	2,726	3,022
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	2.9	3.9
25	Wood	46.9	57.8	43.1	54.8	54.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	46.3	35.3	46.7	43.6
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.8	**	4.4	5.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	106.4	126.3	122.6	132.2	148.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

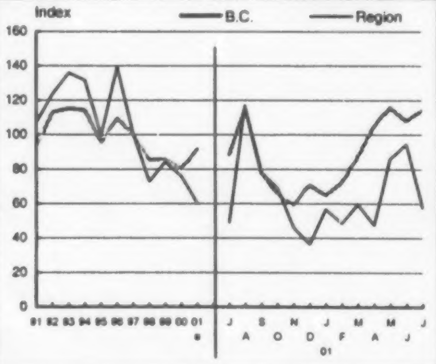


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	240.1	50.5	1.9	38.7	9.9	189.6	1,603
1995	181.7	50.8	12.8	20.0	18.1	130.9	968
1996	254.2	67.5	1.7	57.1	8.7	186.8	1,720
1997	182.3	52.7	2.6	37.7	12.4	129.6	1,008
1998	132.7	51.1	6.8	23.4	20.9	81.6	720
1999	153.8	61.0	4.3	43.2	13.4	92.7	704
2000	138.5	67.7	2.7	38.6	26.4	70.8	502
2001 e	109.5	42.4	2.6	19.9	20.0	67.1	468
Jul '00	85.8	41.5	1.5	21.5	18.5	44.3	311
Jul '01	68.5	26.5	1.4	11.1	14.0	42.0	290

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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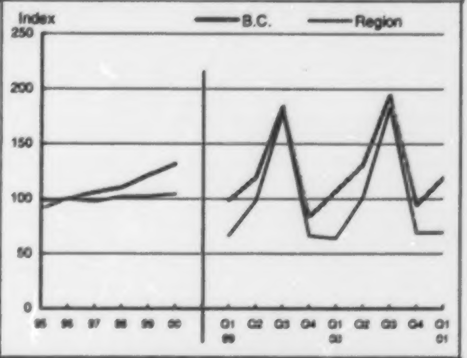
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nanaimo Regional District	1997	27,408.6	4,150.2	6,830.7	11,864.6	4,563.0
	1998	28,622.2	4,351.9	6,808.9	12,687.9	4,773.5
	1999	28,806.7	4,690.1	6,903.3	12,545.5	4,667.8
	2000	29,338.6	4,505.2	7,102.3	12,863.1	4,868.0
	2001	4,874.8	4,874.8			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Nanaimo 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,338.6	100.0%
Hotels	14,540.1	49.6%
76+ Rooms	10,202.8	34.8%
1-75 Rooms	4,337.3	14.8%
Motels	6,677.1	22.8%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

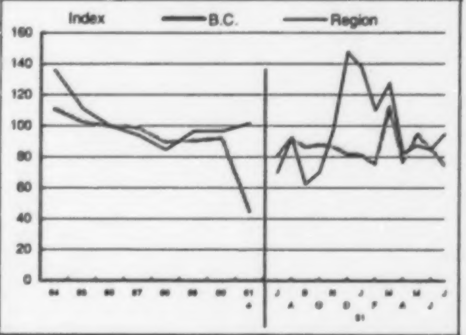


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	652
1995	534
1996	480
1997	452
1998	406
1999	464
2000	464
2001 e	488
Jan-Jul 00	276
Jan-Jul 01	290

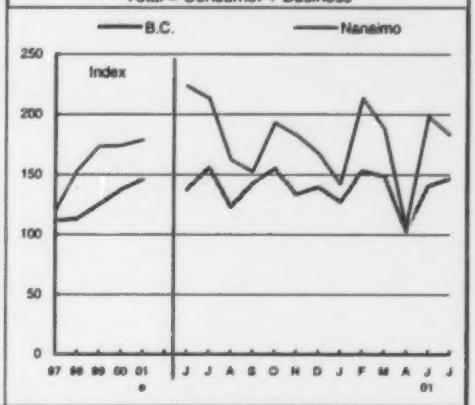
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



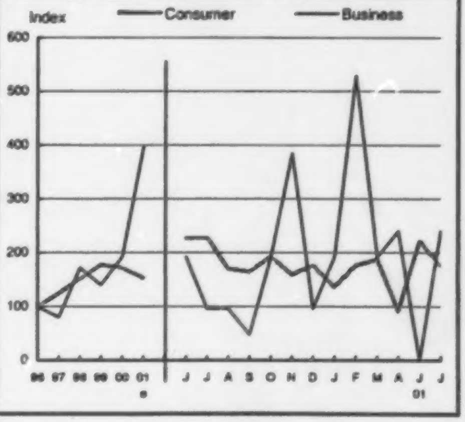
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	211	25	472	99	6436	948
1997	263	20	646	120	7,366	895
1998	319	43	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	375	35	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	363	48	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	323	99	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	200	14	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	178	29	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Sep '98	11.0	15.6	15.9	9.5	4.7
	Dec '98	10.5	14.4	15.4	9.3	4.4
	Mar '99	10.7	14.6	15.6	9.6	4.3
	Jun '99	10.7	14.7	15.7	9.4	4.3
	Sep '99	10.4	14.5	15.0	9.1	4.3
	Dec '99	9.8	13.5	14.2	8.7	4.3
	Mar '00	10.0	13.7	14.7	8.8	4.3
	Jun '00	10.1	14.0	14.6	8.8	4.3
	Sep '00	9.9	13.7	14.5	8.6	4.3
	Dec '00	9.5	13.1	14.1	8.3	4.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

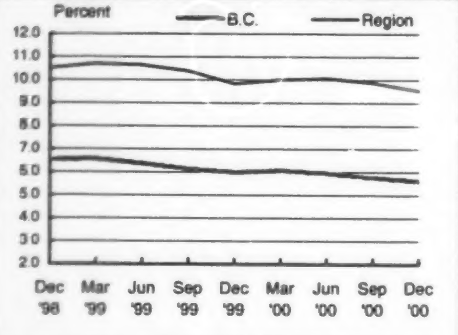
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.3	3.2	3.7	1.7	Sep '98
4.7	4.2	5.3	2.3	Dec '98
4.6	4.3	5.2	2.3	Mar '99
3.1	3.1	3.5	1.4	Jun '99
3.0	2.8	3.4	1.4	Sep '99
3.9	3.6	4.4	2.2	Dec '99
3.8	3.5	4.3	2.0	Mar '00
2.8	2.6	3.2	1.5	Jun '00
2.5	2.3	2.8	1.5	Sep '00
3.8	3.5	4.2	2.3	Dec '00

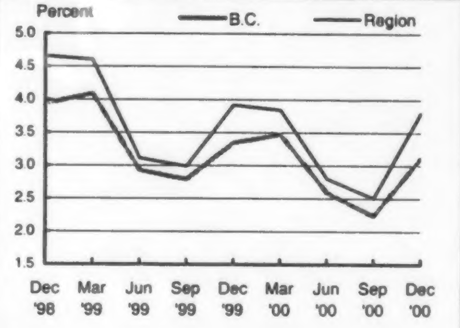
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	10,413	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.1	41.2
1-2 Years	18.2	17.8
>2 Years	39.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

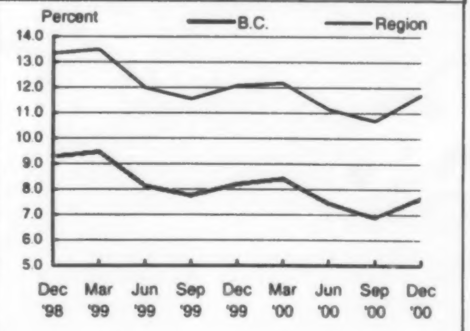
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Dec '98	13.3	18.9	14.3	5.7
	Mar '99	13.5	19.2	14.5	5.6
	Jun '99	12.0	18.2	12.7	4.9
	Sep '99	11.6	17.3	12.3	4.8
	Dec '99	12.1	17.2	12.8	5.6
	Mar '00	12.2	17.7	12.9	5.6
	Jun '00	11.2	16.9	11.7	5.0
	Sep '00	10.7	16.2	11.2	4.8
	Dec '00	11.7	17.2	12.3	5.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Although net migration to this region declined in the mid-eighties and late-nineties during the downturns in the forest sector, it remained positive. This is likely due to the strong service sector in Nanaimo. The large amount of service sector jobs combined with the substantial amount of retirees in the Qualicum area are likely the reasons why there is a gender bias in favour of females. With more females than males, Nanaimo is unlike neighbouring regions that are more dependent on the forest sector where jobs are more male-dominated. The retirement base is the reason why the median age of the region's population is significantly higher than the provincial median.

14 Projection

Nanaimo's role as service centre for the central Island and the growing retirement base in the region should ensure that it continues to experience strong growth. It is projected that recent strong, positive net migration will persist in this area and it will continue to expand rapidly, growing in population by almost 60 per cent over the next 25 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

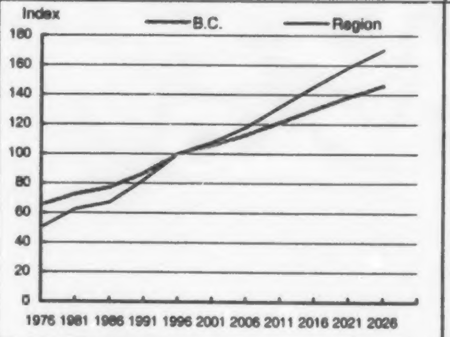
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	14.0	8.0	15.8	14.3	7.0	63.3	21.5	0.477	0.185	0.662	1976
1981	5.5	15.0	9.6	22.9	16.5	9.5	79.0	29.5	0.417	0.194	0.611	1981
1986	5.7	15.0	8.1	25.3	18.0	12.8	84.9	34.1	0.403	0.250	0.653	1986
1991	6.6	17.7	8.5	31.7	22.4	17.4	104.3	41.6	0.388	0.278	0.666	1991
1996	7.3	21.4	10.2	37.0	29.3	21.3	126.5	51.4	0.376	0.279	0.655	1996
2001	5.8	22.1	11.7	36.2	35.3	25.0	136.2	58.3	0.336	0.301	0.637	2001
2006	6.4	21.2	13.1	37.9	42.7	27.9	149.2	67.6	0.294	0.298	0.592	2006
2011	7.5	21.3	14.0	42.4	49.9	31.9	167.0	78.6	0.270	0.300	0.571	2011
2016	8.3	22.9	13.9	47.5	54.0	37.8	184.4	88.8	0.270	0.328	0.598	2016
2021	8.7	25.4	13.3	51.6	56.8	44.8	200.6	96.7	0.280	0.369	0.649	2021
2026	8.8	27.1	14.6	52.7	59.9	52.1	215.2	104.4	0.282	0.409	0.692	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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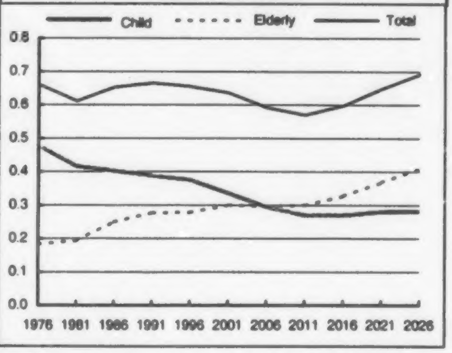

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby, Lumby, Spallumcheen, Vernon

The economy of this region is fairly diversified. Forestry, agriculture and tourism all play important roles. The climate in this area is an attraction for tourists, as well as providing a suitable environment for agriculture. The stability of the agricultural sector has resulted in stable growth patterns for this region.

This region has been experiencing spin-off growth from the Central Okanagan, and as growth eases there, so too should growth in the North Okanagan.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Okanagan								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,405	2,876	228	86	8	3,198	100.0%		100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	293	334	12	7	1	354	11.1%		5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	14	12	0	0	0	12	0.4%		0.5%	787
22	Utilities	5	6	1	0	0	7	0.2%		0.1%	165
23	Construction	433	387	21	4	0	412	12.9%		10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	85	142	30	18	1	191	6.0%		5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	119	124	10	3	0	137	4.3%		6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	187	306	31	16	1	354	11.1%		11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	123	137	3	3	0	143	4.5%		4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	14	18	1	1	0	20	0.6%		1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	141	81	8	2	0	91	2.8%		3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	335	140	7	1	0	148	4.6%		4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	192	228	6	1	0	235	7.3%		11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	114	69	10	1	0	80	2.5%		2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	84	113	7	1	0	121	3.8%		4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	14	25	2	0	1	28	0.9%		1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	21	249	24	10	2	285	8.9%		8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	19	48	5	2	1	56	1.8%		1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	65	170	41	11	1	223	7.0%		7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	146	262	6	2	0	270	8.4%		7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration	1	25	3	3	0	31	1.0%		0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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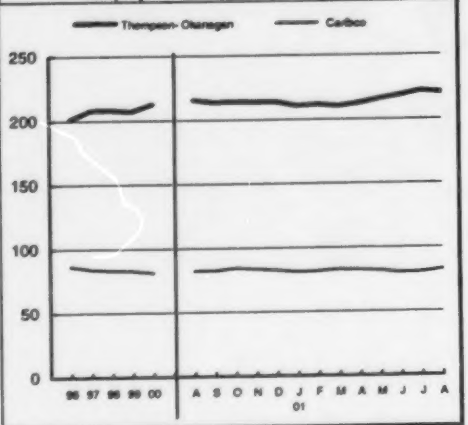
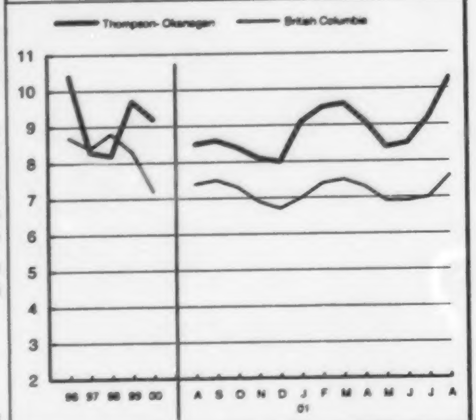
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	212.0	9.8	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



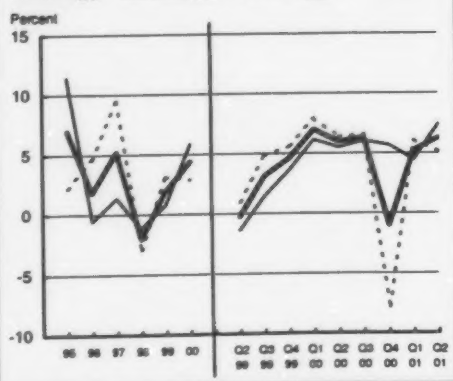
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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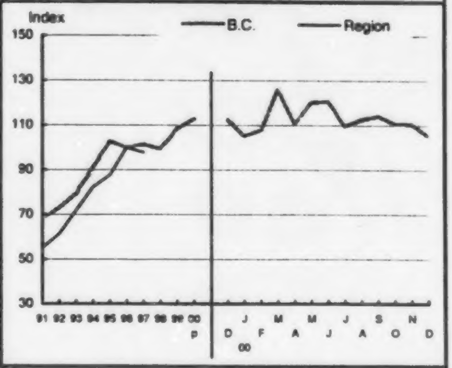
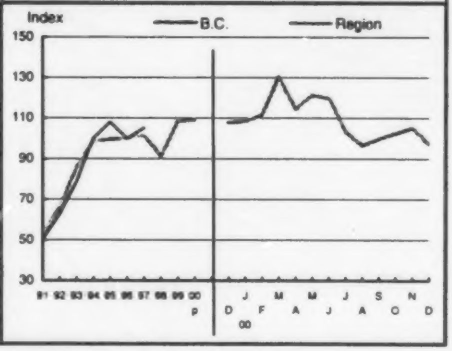
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	12	12	12	11	12
25	Wood	19	19	16	23	23
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	9	8	11	13
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	10	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	80	82	86	91	88
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.5	101.8	106.2	187.4	129.5
25	Wood	267.0	339.1	365.8	338.6	356.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	175.9	219.4	234.3	210.6	233.1
30	Metal Fabricating	12.6	18.2	19.8	27.4	27.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	521.0	595.5	633.8	724.1	708.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	439	449	386	381	374
25	Wood	1,217	1,613	1,318	1,394	1,511
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	753	1,073	814	900	950
30	Metal Fabricating	112	138	142	153	143
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,929	3,375	2,942	3,199	3,350
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	14.2	14.5	16.5	17.4	12.3
25	Wood	52.6	67.9	62.6	67.2	77.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	34.3	45.1	39.5	43.1	50.3
30	Metal Fabricating	3.7	4.9	5.6	5.3	5.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	111.0	129.0	125.6	136.9	143.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

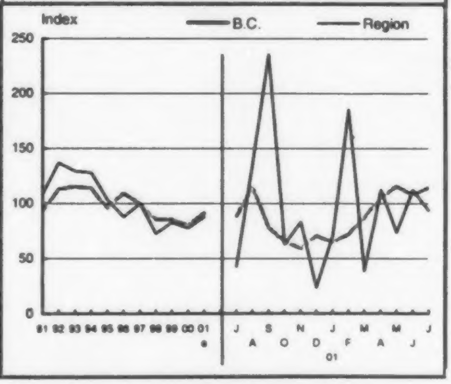


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	107.3	23.3	4.5	12.9	5.9	84.0	928
1995	86.5	32.2	8.0	12.5	11.6	54.3	583
1996	73.5	23.2	2.8	12.5	7.9	50.3	505
1997	83.7	21.5	3.8	11.5	6.2	62.2	568
1998	61.0	17.4	1.3	8.2	7.9	43.6	475
1999	69.5	26.6	1.9	12.4	12.3	42.8	387
2000	65.1	27.6	5.7	18.3	3.6	37.5	303
2001 e	73.6	31.6	4.3	24.4	2.9	42.1	362
Jul '00	27.4	7.2	1.7	5.4	0.1	20.2	138
Jul '01	47.9	25.3	3.4	19.5	2.3	22.7	165

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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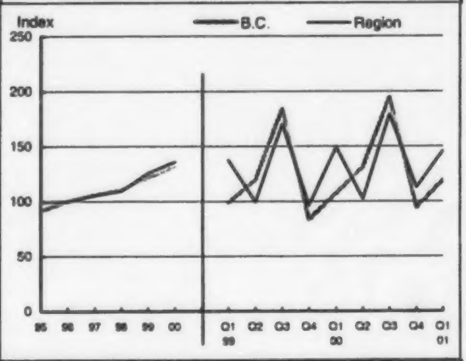
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Okanagan Regional District	1997	12,804.7	3,086.3	2,793.1	4,443.8	2,481.6
	1998	13,226.0	3,314.5	2,745.6	4,564.9	2,600.8
	1999	15,232.1	4,157.2	3,007.6	5,149.5	2,917.7
	2000	16,451.6	4,516.0	3,095.6	5,423.2	3,416.7
	2001	4,419.4	4,419.4			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,069.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100



Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

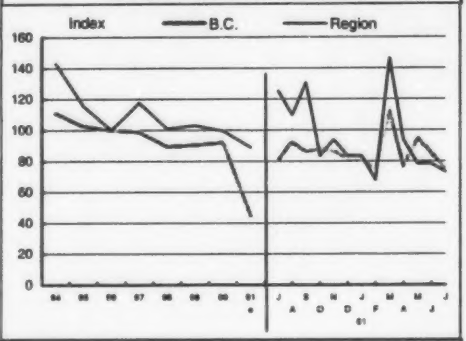
North Okanagan 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,451.2	100.0%
Hotels	11,260.6	68.4%
Motels	3,526.5	21.4%
Vacation Rentals	1,237.8	7.5%

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	329
1995	266
1996	230
1997	271
1998	232
1999	237
2000	229
2001 e	205
Jan-Jul 00	133
Jan-Jul 01	119

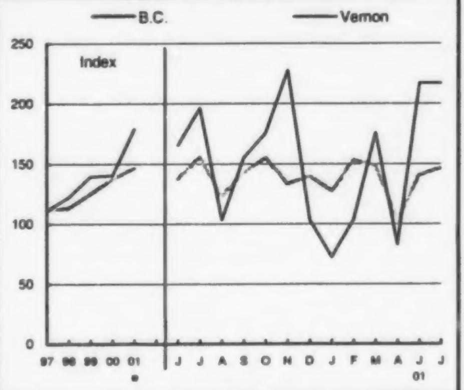
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



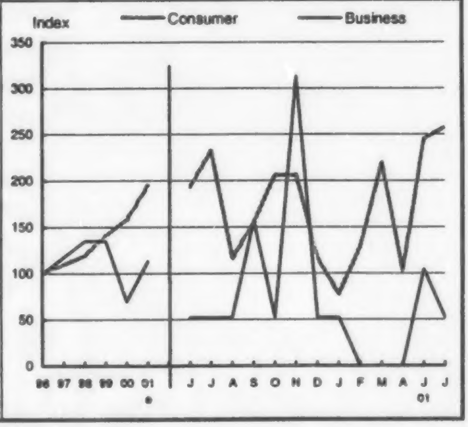
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	93	23	472	99	6436	948
1997	102	27	646	120	7,366	895
1998	111	31	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	131	31	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	147	16	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	181	26	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	81	8	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	100	13	638	79	4,966	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Sep '98	7.7	11.1	8.8	6.4	4.1
	Dec '98	7.6	10.5	9.4	6.4	3.9
	Mar '99	7.7	10.9	8.9	6.6	3.8
	Jun '99	7.5	10.6	8.5	6.4	3.8
	Sep '99	7.4	10.5	8.3	6.3	3.8
	Dec '99	7.3	10.1	8.9	6.2	3.8
	Mar '00	7.5	10.4	9.3	6.4	3.8
	Jun '00	7.4	10.3	9.0	6.4	3.8
	Sep '00	7.5	10.7	8.7	6.3	3.8
	Dec '00	7.1	10.0	8.5	6.1	3.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

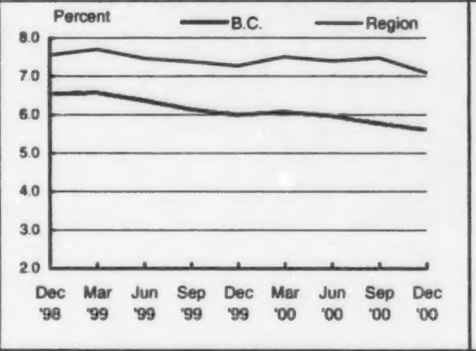
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	3.2	3.3	1.6	Sep '98
4.5	4.8	4.9	2.7	Dec '98
5.2	4.8	5.8	2.8	Mar '99
3.2	3.5	3.6	1.5	Jun '99
3.2	3.2	3.7	1.5	Sep '99
3.9	4.1	4.4	1.8	Dec '99
4.5	4.8	5.1	2.1	Mar '00
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.6	Jun '00
2.6	2.4	3.0	1.3	Sep '00
4.0	3.8	4.4	2.6	Dec '00

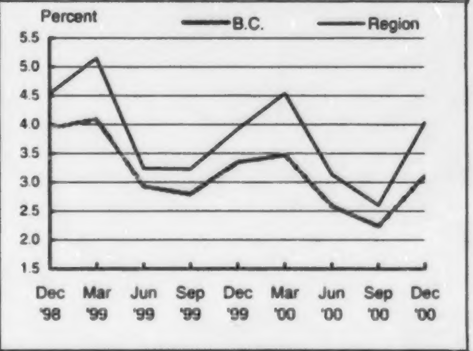
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,521	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.5	41.2
1-2 Years	18.0	17.8
>2 Years	35.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

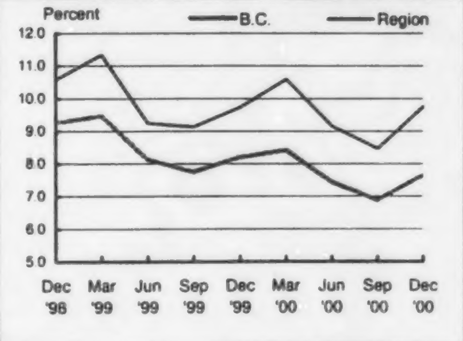
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Dec '98	10.6	13.8	11.1	6.3
	Mar '99	11.3	13.4	12.2	6.2
	Jun '99	9.3	11.8	9.8	4.9
	Sep '99	9.1	11.2	9.8	4.8
	Dec '99	9.7	12.5	10.3	5.1
	Mar '00	10.6	13.7	11.3	5.5
	Jun '00	9.2	12.0	9.7	4.9
	Sep '00	8.5	10.7	9.0	4.5
	Dec '00	9.8	12.0	10.4	5.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many areas in British Columbia with an economic dependence on the forest sector, this region experienced net outflows of migrants in the mid-eighties when the forest sector was experiencing a downturn. Other than this exception, the area has generally had net inflows of migrants. The stability of the agricultural sector and the pleasant climate are contributory factors to population stability in this region.

The median age of the area's population is significantly higher than the provincial median, and the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. However, the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. Thus, the overall dependency ratio is over ten percentage points higher than it is for British Columbia as a whole.

14 Projection

As with most of the Okanagan, this region has been experiencing strong growth in recent years due to large net inflows of migrants. This strong growth is projected to continue throughout most of the projection period despite falling natural increase.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

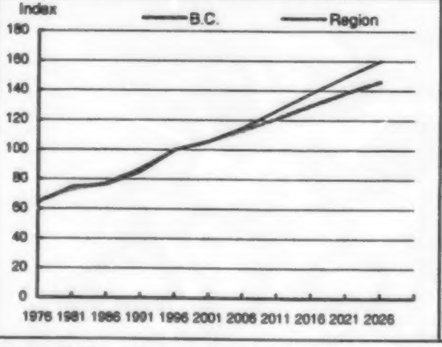
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	11.9	6.0	12.2	9.4	4.9	48.0	15.5	0.560	0.178	0.739	1976
1981	4.1	12.0	6.5	15.7	10.9	6.6	55.7	19.4	0.486	0.198	0.685	1981
1986	3.9	11.2	5.6	16.4	11.8	8.0	56.9	21.7	0.443	0.236	0.679	1986
1991	4.0	11.9	5.2	18.7	13.6	10.0	63.3	24.0	0.426	0.267	0.693	1991
1996	4.3	14.0	6.0	21.4	16.8	11.8	74.3	28.7	0.414	0.267	0.681	1996
2001	3.7	13.7	7.6	20.5	20.0	13.1	78.6	32.4	0.360	0.272	0.632	2001
2006	4.2	13.0	8.1	21.4	24.2	14.6	85.5	37.4	0.320	0.272	0.591	2006
2011	4.8	13.3	8.0	23.5	28.0	16.6	94.3	42.6	0.305	0.280	0.584	2011
2016	5.1	14.6	7.9	26.1	29.7	19.6	103.0	47.4	0.309	0.308	0.617	2016
2021	5.1	16.1	7.8	28.2	30.7	23.3	111.2	51.6	0.318	0.349	0.666	2021
2026	5.2	16.8	8.9	28.5	32.4	27.3	119.0	56.1	0.315	0.392	0.707	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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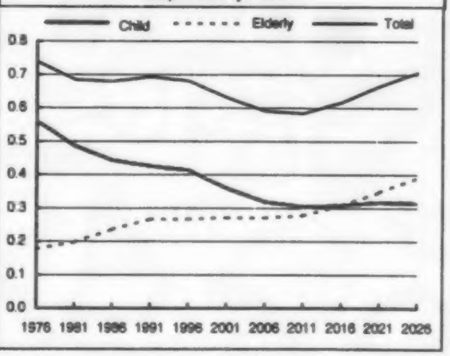

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fort Nelson

Forestry, tourism and oil and gas exploration are the major economic drivers for this region. There are two large processing facilities located in Fort Nelson that employ close to 600 people between them. The north-eastern region of the province is a significant producer of oil and gas and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a significant number of people.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	208	285	31	12	2	330	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	26	26	2	0	0	28	8.5%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	17	1	0	0	18	5.5%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities		3	0	0	0	3	0.9%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	36	27	2	5	0	34	10.3%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	4	9	2	1	1	13	3.9%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	9	16	1	0	0	17	5.2%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	12	36	5	2	0	43	13.0%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	32	34	1	0	0	35	10.6%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1	5	0	0	0	5	1.5%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	4	4	1	0	0	5	1.5%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	18	8	2	0	0	10	3.0%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	8	10	1	0	0	11	3.3%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	5	15	1	0	0	16	4.8%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.3%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1	12	1	1	0	14	4.2%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	5	5	0	0	0	5	1.5%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	10	21	10	1	0	32	9.7%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	24	37	0	0	0	37	11.2%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		0	1	2	0	3	0.9%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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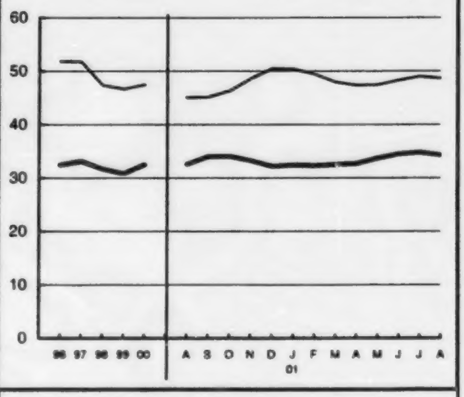
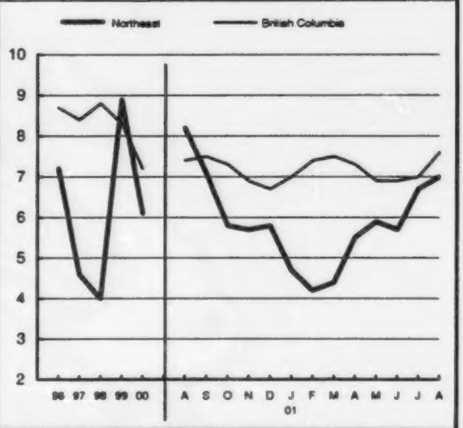
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast Emp. ('000)	Northeast Unemp. %	North Coast & Nechako Emp. ('000)	North Coast & Nechako Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996		32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998		31.7	4.0	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	31.9	7.0	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	32.2	5.6	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	33.0	3.5	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	32.2	3.9	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	31.3	5.4	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	30.8	7.5	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	31.0	9.4	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	32.6	8.2	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	34.0	7.1	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	34.1	5.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	33.3	5.7	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	32.2	5.8	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	32.3	4.2	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	33.7	5.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	34.5	5.7	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	34.8	6.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	34.3	7.0	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	32.2	6.3	46.6	9.5	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	33.6	5.7	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	4.3		3.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



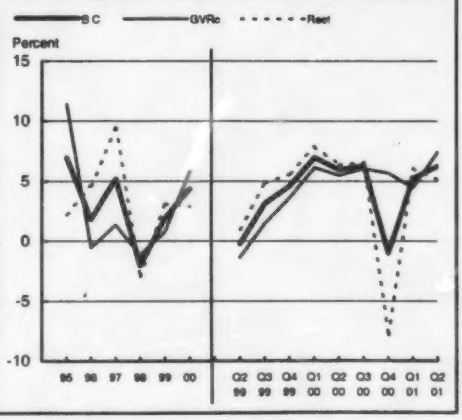
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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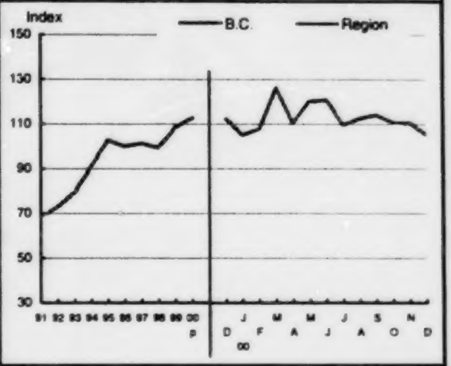
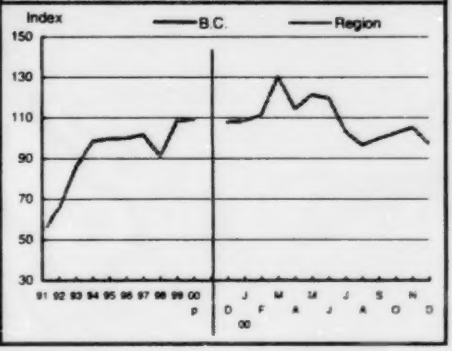
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	3	2	3	3	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	1	2	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	1	1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6	5	7	7	7
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	251.1
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	842
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	44.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials

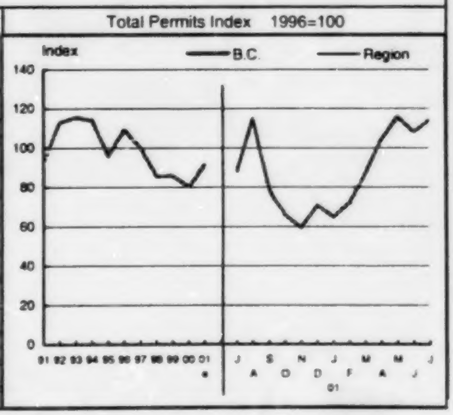
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001 e	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul '00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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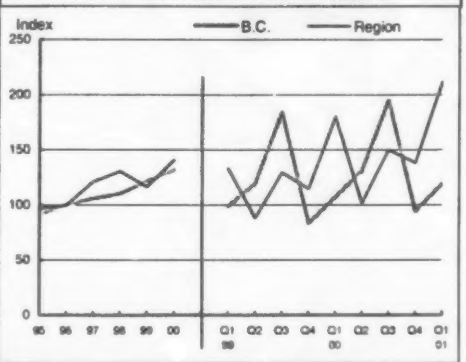
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Peace River R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Peace River-Liard Regional District	1997	25,142.1	6,871.9	5,234.3	6,617.7	6,418.2
	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,578.9	9,332.0	5,265.8	7,796.0	7,185.1
	2001	10,976.1	10,976.1			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,806.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Peace River-Liard 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,252.3	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	969.0	3.4%
Hotels	14,997.7	51.3%			
76+ Rooms	7,375.9	25.2%			
1-75 Rooms	7,621.8	26.1%			
Motels	8,526.7	29.1%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

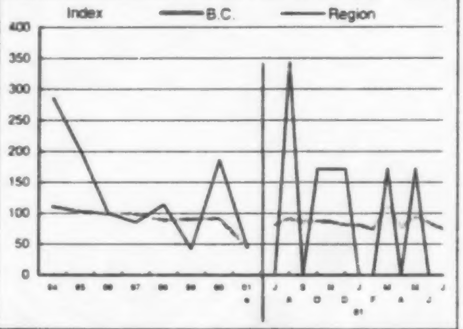


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	20
1995	14
1996	7
1997	6
1998	8
1999	3
2000	13
2001 e	3
Jan-Jul 00	8
Jan-Jul 01	2

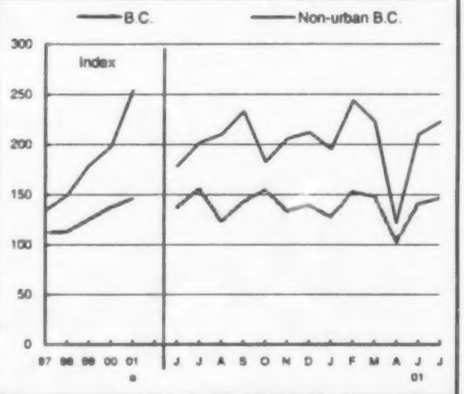
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



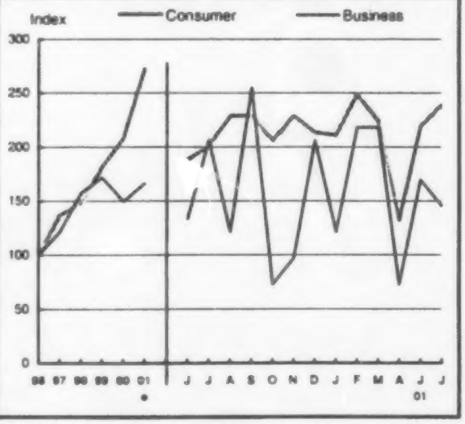
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	46	13	6436	948
1997	646	120	58	4	7,366	895
1998	698	156	53	8	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	85	16	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	86	14	9,181	976
2001 e	1,285	165	84	10	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	43	7	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	41	5	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '98	4.7	6.9	7.2	3.0	3.6
	Dec '98	4.2	5.5	6.5	3.1	3.1
	Mar '99	4.1	5.7	5.4	3.0	3.0
	Jun '99	4.1	5.4	4.9	3.2	3.0
	Sep '99	4.1	5.0	6.5	3.2	3.0
	Dec '99	3.9	4.8	5.2	3.1	3.0
	Mar '00	3.2	4.8	3.7	2.0	3.0
	Jun '00	3.2	4.0	3.6	2.5	3.0
	Sep '00	2.7	3.7	3.3	1.9	3.0
	Dec '00	3.4	4.5	5.5	2.4	3.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

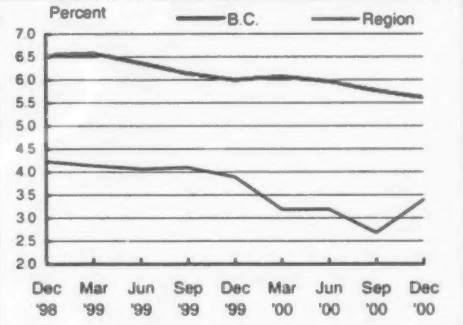
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	4.1	3.5	4.4	1.8	Sep '98
	5.5	5.4	6.0	-	Dec '98
	4.0	3.6	4.4	-	Mar '99
	4.3	5.2	4.2	3.1	Jun '99
	4.3	4.8	4.2	3.5	Sep '99
	3.6	3.8	3.6	2.4	Dec '99
	3.1	4.3	2.8	3.1	Mar '00
	3.8	4.3	3.7	4.2	Jun '00
	3.3	2.6	3.5	2.1	Sep '00
	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.1	Dec '00

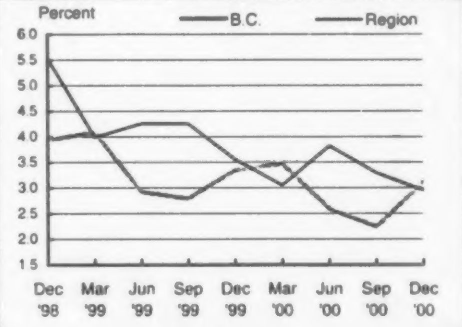
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	200	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	69.8	41.2
1-2 Years	13.1	17.8
>2 Years	17.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

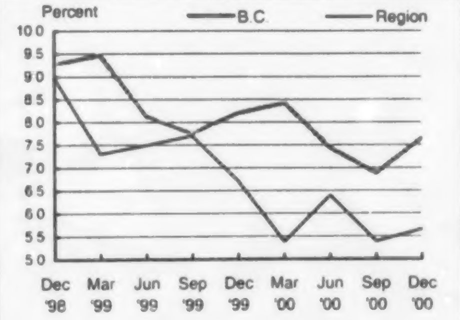
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Dec '98	9.0	11.5	8.9	4.7
	Mar '99	7.3	9.0	7.3	3.7
	Jun '99	7.5	10.0	7.2	6.1
	Sep '99	7.7	10.9	7.2	6.4
	Dec '99	6.7	8.9	6.4	6.1
	Mar '00	5.4	7.8	4.7	7.7
	Jun '00	6.4	7.7	6.0	8.6
	Sep '00	5.4	5.9	5.3	5.0
	Dec '00	5.7	8.6	5.2	5.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Northern Rockies
Regional District

13 Demographics

The economic dependence on the resource sectors and the male-dominant employment in these sectors is the main reason for the heavy weighting of males in the population in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The remoteness of the area is likely the reason why the median age of the population is far lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is substantially higher than the provincial rate, and is likely partially the reason for a significantly higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. There is a very small proportion of elderly in the population compared to British Columbia as a whole.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will contribute between 40 and 90 people per year to the population base of this area. At the same time, it is expected that the area will experience small, positive net migration over most of the projection period. As a result, this area should experience steady population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

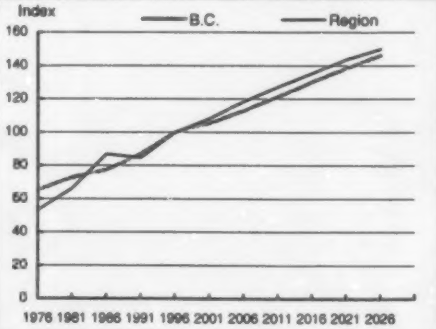
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.0	3.3	1.2	0.711	0.021	0.732	1976
1981	0.5	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.1	4.0	1.6	0.562	0.020	0.581	1981
1986	0.7	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.1	5.3	1.7	0.577	0.026	0.602	1986
1991	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.2	5.2	1.7	0.542	0.046	0.588	1991
1996	0.6	1.4	0.7	2.5	0.8	0.1	6.1	2.0	0.496	0.036	0.533	1996
2001	0.5	1.5	0.7	2.5	1.2	0.2	6.6	2.2	0.453	0.043	0.496	2001
2006	0.5	1.5	0.8	2.6	1.6	0.3	7.3	2.6	0.397	0.051	0.448	2006
2011	0.5	1.4	0.8	2.6	2.1	0.4	7.8	2.9	0.363	0.070	0.433	2011
2016	0.5	1.3	0.9	2.5	2.5	0.6	8.3	3.2	0.320	0.097	0.417	2016
2021	0.5	1.4	0.7	2.6	2.6	0.9	8.8	3.5	0.322	0.152	0.473	2021
2026	0.5	1.4	0.8	2.6	2.6	1.3	9.2	3.7	0.318	0.211	0.529	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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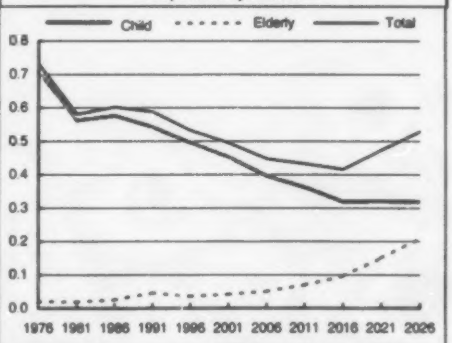


Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland

Agriculture has traditionally been the main economic driver for this region. Although this sector has diminished somewhat in importance, it is still an important factor of the economy, and this area remains one of the more important centres of agriculture in the province. Other significant economic drivers include tourism and forestry.

The two major mines in the area—the Similco Mine at Princeton, and the Nickel Plate Mine at Hedley—have shut down in the last few years. The mine at Hedley closed due to ore depletion, but the Similco mine still has reserves remaining and could reopen once copper prices improve.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Okanagan-Similkameen							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,139	3,225	200	80	11	3,516	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	197	572	21	5	1	599	17.0%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	19	4	0	0	1	5	0.1%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	4	8	2	1	0	11	0.3%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	372	329	9	4	1	343	9.8%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	84	158	21	16	0	195	5.5%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	78	110	8	2	0	120	3.4%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	183	400	27	14	1	442	12.6%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	89	124	2	1	0	127	3.6%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	21	33	1	1	0	35	1.0%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	118	80	8	0	1	89	2.5%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	315	122	5	3	0	130	3.7%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	191	199	7	0	0	206	5.9%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	102	55	9	1	0	65	1.8%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	55	123	4	1	0	128	3.6%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	15	25	2	2	2	31	0.9%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	246	13	10	2	271	7.7%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	29	74	7	0	0	81	2.3%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	111	252	46	15	1	314	8.9%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	144	281	2	2	0	285	8.1%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		30	6	2	1	39	1.1%	0.5%	815

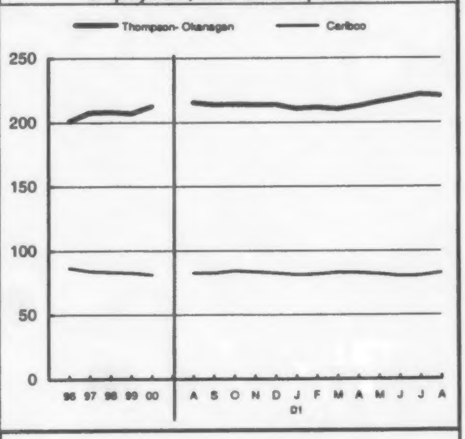
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

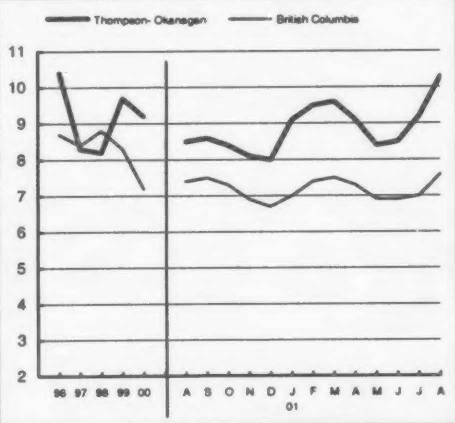
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	212.0	9.8	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



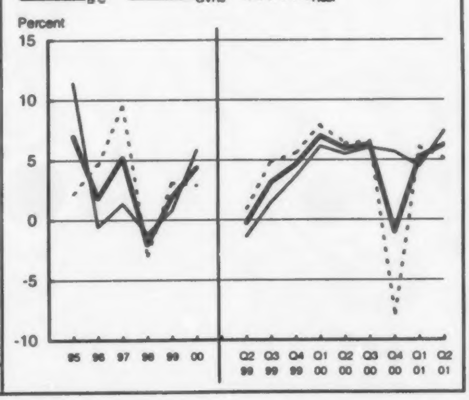
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
Quarterly data	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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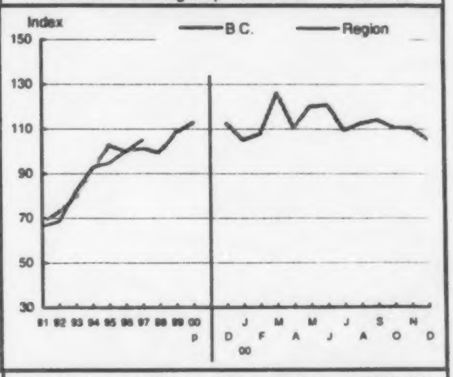
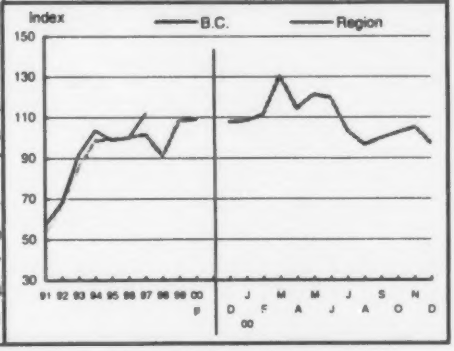
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	5	4	5	4	3
25	Wood	12	11	11	15	15
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	2	2	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	10	11	15	15
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	67	65	76	85	83
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	10.7	12.0	13.3	24.7	**
25	Wood	131.4	148.5	141.6	143.3	160.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	6.9	15.4	21.5	24.3	23.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	304.9	344.7	351.6	371.1	390.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	146	168	156	235	**
25	Wood	569	629	576	626	611
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	75	121	188	217	224
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,833	2,007	2,089	2,242	2,268
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	2.8	3.1	3.2	5.6	**
25	Wood	22.0	23.6	24.7	27.0	30.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.2	6.0	7.0	7.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	61.1	65.5	72.7	79.6	86.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

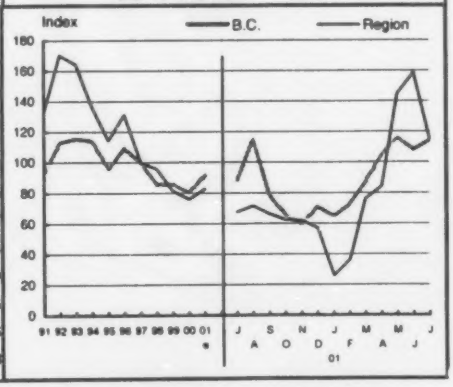


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	98.3	22.3	2.6	11.7	8.1	76.0	785
1995	82.2	34.8	7.5	21.9	5.4	47.5	409
1996	94.4	38.5	2.8	18.7	17.0	55.9	493
1997	71.9	24.8	8.1	12.3	4.4	47.1	415
1998	68.9	21.5	2.4	12.0	7.1	47.3	487
1999	58.5	19.6	3.2	13.1	3.2	39.0	334
2000	54.6	24.9	3.5	15.3	6.0	29.7	189
2001 e	59.6	25.1	1.5	16.9	6.7	34.5	266
Jul '00	35.4	17.5	2.5	9.6	5.4	17.9	116
Jul '01	38.4	17.7	1.1	10.6	5.9	20.8	163

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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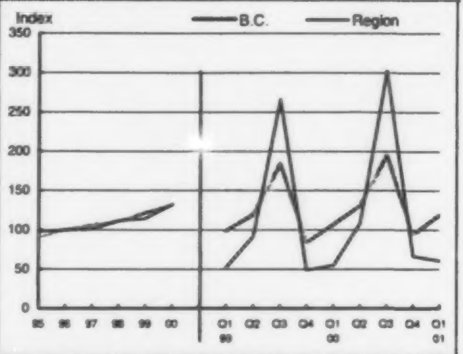
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	1997	23,056.7	2,566.7	5,006.0	12,875.4	2,608.6
	1998	25,679.4	2,760.1	5,306.2	14,712.2	2,898.9
	1999	26,236.7	2,977.5	5,239.0	15,210.7	2,809.5
	2000	30,448.2	3,148.9	6,204.3	17,278.1	3,816.9
	2001	3,479.1	3,479.1			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Okanagan-Sim'een 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	30,448.2	100.0%
Hotels	15,948.1	52.4%
Motels	10,945.2	35.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

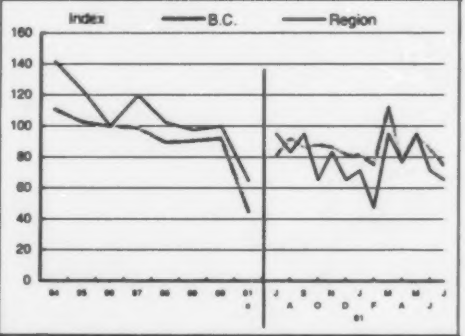


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	286
1995	248
1996	202
1997	242
1998	207
1999	197
2000	202
2001 e	131
Jan-Jul 00	136
Jan-Jul 01	88

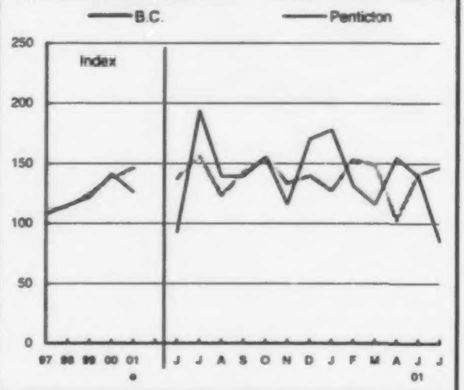
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



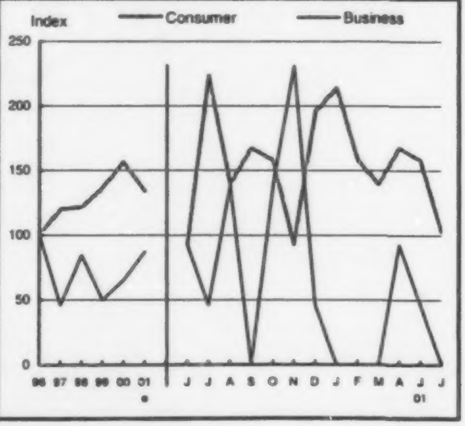
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
Year	129	26	472	99	6436	948
1997	155	12	646	120	7,366	895
1998	157	22	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	176	13	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	202	17	963	148	9,181	976
2001 e	173	23	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	98	9	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	84	12	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '98	7.9	11.4	10.1	6.9	3.7
	Dec '98	8.3	11.6	11.0	7.4	3.7
	Mar '99	8.6	12.1	11.8	7.6	3.7
	Jun '99	8.1	11.5	10.3	7.2	3.7
	Sep '99	7.7	11.3	9.0	6.7	3.7
	Dec '99	8.1	11.4	10.0	7.3	3.7
	Mar '00	8.5	12.1	10.8	7.5	3.7
	Jun '00	8.1	11.6	10.3	7.2	3.7
	Sep '00	7.5	11.2	8.8	6.5	3.7
	Dec '00	7.5	10.7	9.5	6.8	3.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

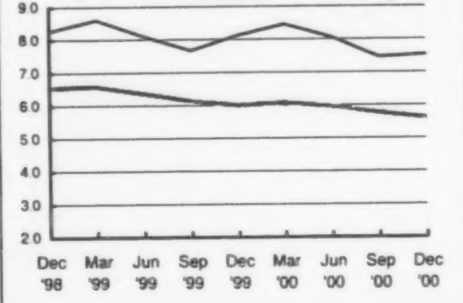
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.6	Sep '98
5.8	6.6	6.6	2.9	Dec '98
6.1	6.8	6.9	3.3	Mar '99
3.9	3.7	4.4	2.4	Jun '99
3.6	2.9	4.2	2.0	Sep '99
5.6	5.8	6.3	3.2	Dec '99
5.8	6.4	6.5	3.4	Mar '00
3.2	3.2	3.7	1.8	Jun '00
2.6	2.5	3.1	1.2	Sep '00
5.4	5.6	6.1	2.9	Dec '00

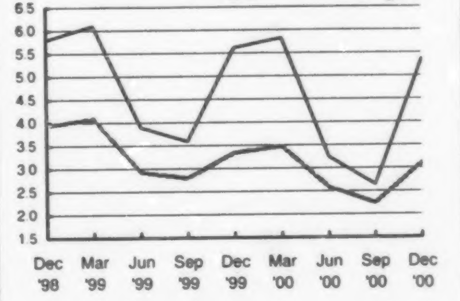
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,580	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	49.0	41.2
1-2 Years	16.8	17.8
>2 Years	34.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

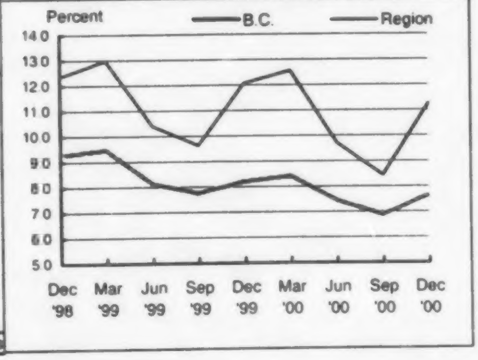
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Dec '98	12.4	16.8	13.4	6.4
	Mar '99	13.0	17.9	14.0	6.8
	Jun '99	10.4	13.5	11.3	5.9
	Sep '99	9.6	11.6	10.6	5.4
	Dec '99	12.1	15.0	13.2	6.8
	Mar '00	12.6	16.5	13.6	7.0
	Jun '00	9.7	13.0	10.6	5.0
	Sep '00	8.4	10.9	9.3	4.1
	Dec '00	11.3	14.3	12.5	5.7

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Okanagan-Similkameen
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13 Demographics

Like the rest of the Okanagan, this region experienced tremendous growth in the last decade due to very high net migration inflows.

The pleasant climate of this area makes it a popular place to retire, and as a result, the median age of the population of this region is substantially higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is over twice that of the province as a whole. The older age structure is responsible for the significant gender bias in favour of females, since women tend to live longer than men.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is negative in this region, and will likely become even more negative over the projection period. However, it is expected that net migration to this area will continue to be high, which will more than compensate for losses due to a negative natural increase. The shutdowns in the mining sector will likely have only a small impact on the region as a whole. This area is high in mineral potential and there is a possibility of new mines opening once metal prices improve.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

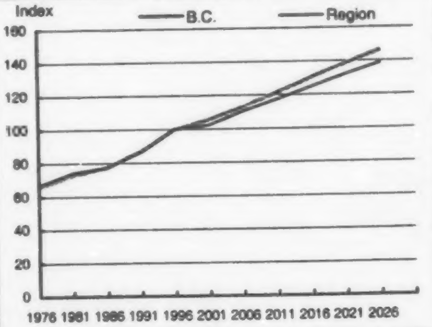
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.1	11.3	6.2	11.8	12.5	7.8	52.7	18.5	0.471	0.256	0.727	1976
1981	3.5	10.6	6.3	14.3	13.5	10.3	58.5	22.6	0.413	0.302	0.714	1981
1986	3.6	10.0	5.3	15.6	13.8	12.7	61.0	25.3	0.392	0.365	0.756	1986
1991	3.8	10.9	4.7	17.9	15.5	15.5	68.3	28.1	0.384	0.408	0.792	1991
1996	3.9	12.3	5.4	19.9	18.8	18.5	78.8	33.5	0.369	0.419	0.788	1996
2001	3.3	11.9	6.6	18.5	20.4	19.9	80.7	35.5	0.334	0.437	0.771	2001
2006	3.8	11.3	7.0	19.0	24.2	21.6	86.9	40.3	0.300	0.430	0.731	2006
2011	4.1	11.3	6.9	20.1	26.8	23.3	92.5	44.3	0.285	0.432	0.718	2011
2016	4.3	11.9	6.6	22.0	27.6	25.7	98.2	47.9	0.289	0.457	0.746	2016
2021	4.4	12.8	6.4	23.7	27.9	28.7	103.9	51.0	0.297	0.495	0.791	2021
2026	4.4	13.3	7.0	23.7	28.5	32.1	109.1	54.3	0.299	0.542	0.841	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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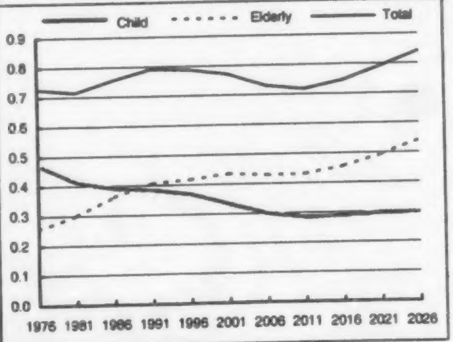

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

QRS
Peace River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge

The economy of this region is fairly diversified, with coal mining, oil and gas exploration, forestry and agriculture all being significant economic activities. The north-eastern region of the province is a significant producer of oil and gas, and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a significant number of people. Recently, there have been significant gas discoveries in the Ladyfern area north of Fort St. John. Rising energy prices coupled with these new discoveries created a lot of activity in the Fort St. John area recently. One of the two major coal mines in the area, Quintette, was shut down in August, 2000. The Bullmoose mine will continue to supply coal to Japanese markets until 2003, when significant outmigration will occur. Exploration for coal has created the potential for other coal projects, one of which is being test-mined west of Chetwynd (the Willow Creek coal project).

A major development that will affect this region is the likely closure of the Bullmoose coal mine in 2003. All these mines have already experienced significant layoffs in the last few years. There have already been some population impacts from the layoffs and more are certain to follow. On the positive side, Louisiana-Pacific is building four processing facilities in the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

		Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Firms with No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,418	2,524	219	84	11	2,838	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	671	298	9	0	0	307	10.8%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	138	181	19	5	2	207	7.3%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities		7	0	0	0	7	0.2%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	317	316	30	15	1	362	12.8%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	59	69	3	7	2	81	2.9%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	63	100	15	5	0	120	4.2%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	94	234	26	8	0	268	9.4%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	273	236	17	6	2	261	9.2%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	29	2	0	0	31	1.1%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	58	25	12	1	0	38	1.3%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	174	70	11	1	0	82	2.9%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	145	202	8	1	0	211	7.4%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	53	26	1	0	0	27	1.0%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	77	113	4	0	0	117	4.1%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	5	19	1	0	3	23	0.8%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	14	135	13	11	1	160	5.6%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	18	44	1	0	0	45	1.6%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	60	124	35	19	0	178	6.3%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	193	293	7	0	0	300	10.6%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		3	5	5	0	13	0.5%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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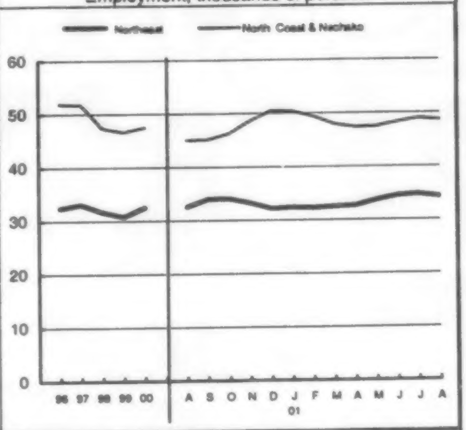
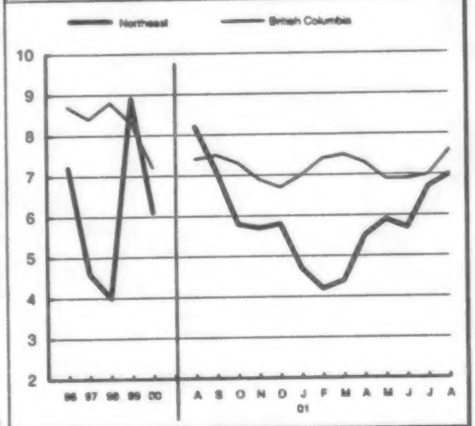
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	4.0	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	31.9	7.0	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	32.2	5.6	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	33.0	3.5	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	32.2	3.9	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	31.3	5.4	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	30.8	7.5	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	31.0	9.4	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	32.6	8.2	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	34.0	7.1	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	34.1	5.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	33.3	5.7	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	32.2	5.8	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	32.3	4.2	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May	33.7	5.9	47.5	11.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	34.5	5.7	48.3	10.0	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	34.8	6.7	49.0	8.9	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	34.3	7.0	48.7	8.8	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	32.2	6.3	46.6	9.5	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	33.6	5.7	48.1	10.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	4.3		3.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



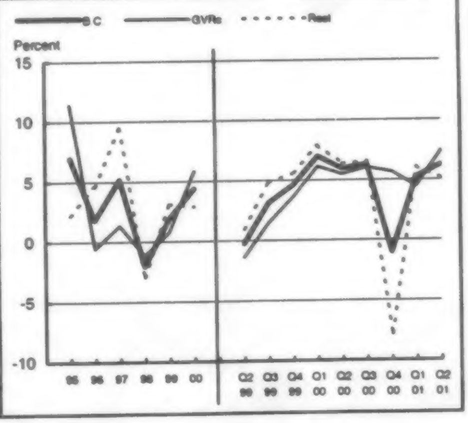
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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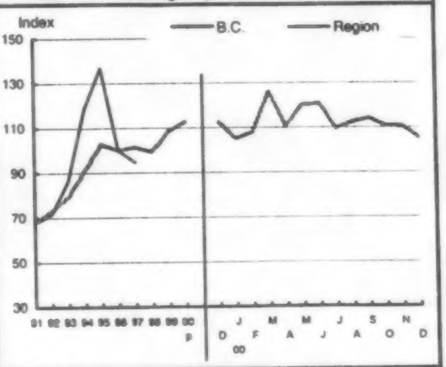
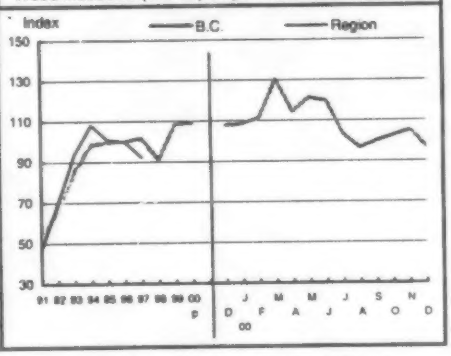
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	8	8	7	7	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	8	8	8	8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	33	33	33	34	33
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	258.4	297.6	277.3	275.1	253.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	5.4	9.6	10.6	10.1	9.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	341.0	468.1	539.7	394.8	373.4
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	707	670	623	646	786
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	61	88	90	86	86
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,188	1,228	1,262	1,181	1,371
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	35.0	33.6	31.7	32.0	40.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	53.1	57.2	61.7	57.7	68.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

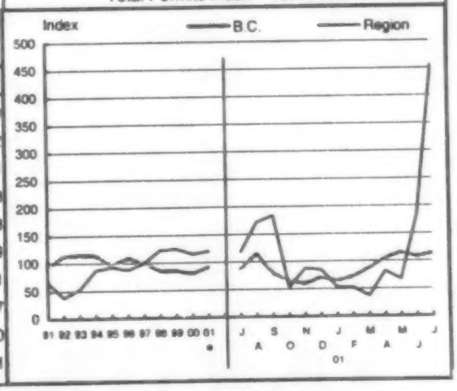


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	41.8	20.6	2.1	8.0	10.5	21.2	169
1995	44.1	20.4	2.5	11.7	6.1	23.7	182
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	17.0	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.7	20.4	0.3	19.3	0.8	27.3	233
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	22.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.8	31.0	5.0	22.6	3.4	28.8	329
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	20.7	3.5	27.8	241
2001 e	57.5	44.4	1.1	24.5	18.8	13.1	77
Jul '00	32.1	11.6	0.4	9.6	1.6	20.5	160
Jul '01	36.9	27.3	0.8	11.3	15.1	9.7	51

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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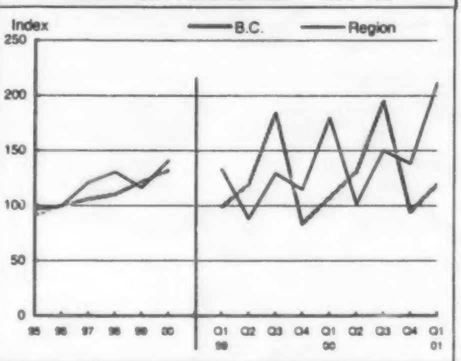
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Fort Nelson-Liard R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Peace River-Liard Regional District	1997	25,142.1	6,871.9	5,234.3	6,617.7	6,418.2
	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,578.9	9,332.0	5,265.8	7,796.0	7,185.1
	2001	10,976.1	10,976.1			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Peace River-Liard 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,252.3	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	989.0	3.4%
Hotels	14,997.7	51.3%			
76+ Rooms	7,375.9	25.2%			
1-75 Rooms	7,621.8	26.1%			
Motels	8,526.7	29.1%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

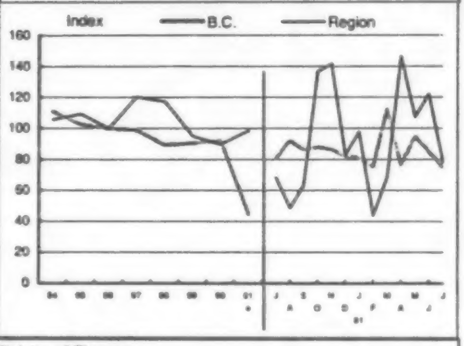


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	260
1995	269
1996	246
1997	296
1998	289
1999	234
2000	221
2001 e	242
Jan-Jul 00	124
Jan-Jul 01	136

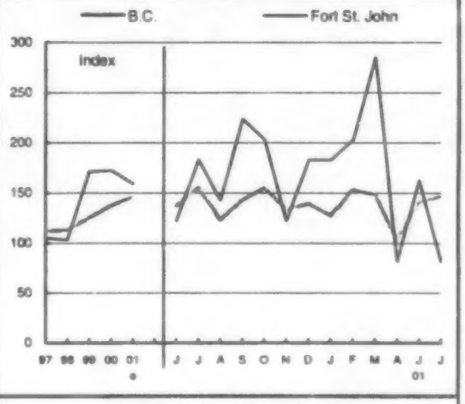
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



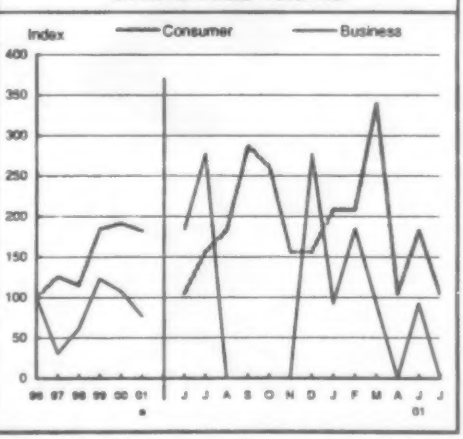
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	46	13	12	0	6436	948
1997	58	4	16	4	7,366	895
1998	53	8	16	4	7,327	1,031
1999	85	16	21	3	8,179	1,075
2000	88	14	30	3	9,181	976
2001 e	64	10	27	3	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	43	7	18	2	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	41	5	16	2	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 **Basic BC Benefits** (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Peace River Regional District	Sep '98	5.3	6.9	7.3	4.2	3.0
	Dec '98	5.7	6.9	9.0	4.6	3.1
	Mar '99	5.6	6.8	8.7	4.5	3.1
	Jun '99	5.9	7.2	8.2	4.9	3.1
	Sep '99	5.6	7.3	7.4	4.4	3.1
	Dec '99	5.5	6.8	7.2	4.5	3.1
	Mar '00	5.1	6.7	7.0	3.9	3.1
	Jun '00	5.8	7.3	8.2	4.6	3.1
	Sep '00	5.4	7.2	7.2	4.2	3.1
	Dec '00	5.2	6.5	7.2	4.2	3.1

11 **Employment Insurance** (was UI)

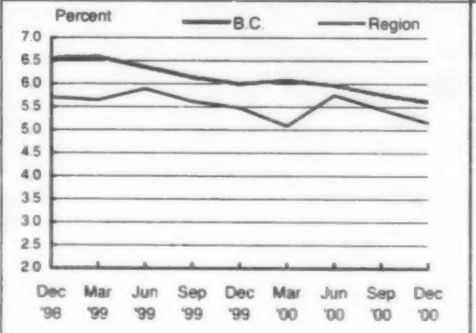
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.7	4.2	3.9	2.1	Sep '98
4.2	5.3	4.2	2.8	Dec '98
4.5	6.5	4.3	3.2	Mar '99
5.2	7.0	5.2	3.2	Jun '99
4.7	5.8	4.8	2.8	Sep '99
3.7	4.9	3.7	2.1	Dec '99
3.3	4.3	3.3	2.2	Mar '00
4.2	5.1	4.2	2.6	Jun '00
3.4	3.9	3.5	2.2	Sep '00
3.3	3.8	3.3	2.4	Dec '00

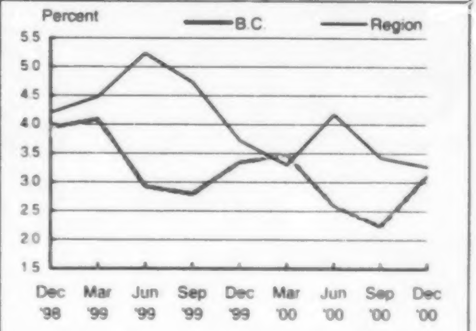
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,851	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	60.5	41.2
1-2 Years	15.5	17.8
>2 Years	24.0	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

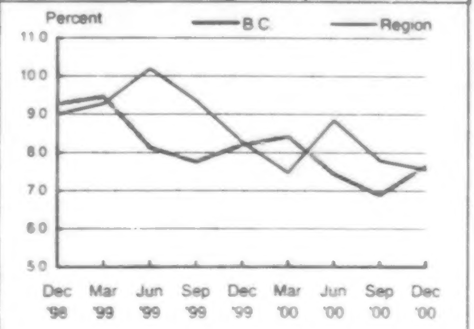
12 **Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance**

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Peace River Regional District	Dec '98	9.0	13.7	8.5	6.4
	Mar '99	9.3	14.8	8.6	7.0
	Jun '99	10.2	14.9	9.8	7.1
	Sep '99	9.4	13.0	9.1	6.6
	Dec '99	8.3	11.7	8.0	5.8
	Mar '00	7.5	11.1	7.1	5.7
	Jun '00	8.8	12.8	8.5	6.3
	Sep '00	7.8	11.0	7.5	5.6
	Dec '00	7.6	10.7	7.3	5.7

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Peace River
Regional District

13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the mining and forestry sectors, which tend to have male-dominated employment, the gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males. The total fertility rate is significantly higher in this area, and could partially explain the significantly higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. As a result, the median age of the population is significantly lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The increased activity in the oil and gas industry should result in modest growth for this region, although it will be overshadowed in the short-term by the layoffs at the coal mines, which could result in outmigration for a couple of years. The long-term growth combined with a positive natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will result in steady growth for the area in the long-term.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

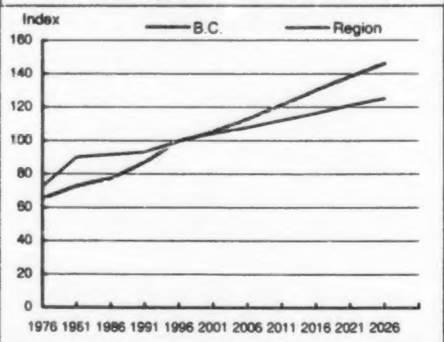
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.1	12.9	5.6	11.8	6.3	2.0	42.7	11.7	0.719	0.085	0.805	1976
1981	5.2	13.0	8.9	16.3	7.3	2.4	53.0	16.2	0.560	0.073	0.632	1981
1986	5.3	12.3	6.9	18.4	8.3	2.8	53.9	18.4	0.524	0.082	0.606	1986
1991	5.0	12.2	5.8	19.3	9.1	3.3	54.8	19.2	0.503	0.098	0.601	1991
1996	5.0	13.0	6.0	20.5	10.6	3.8	58.9	20.6	0.485	0.103	0.588	1996
2001	4.3	13.4	6.5	20.3	12.4	4.5	61.4	21.4	0.453	0.116	0.569	2001
2006	4.2	12.7	6.6	19.8	15.2	5.1	63.5	23.3	0.407	0.123	0.530	2006
2011	4.0	11.8	6.8	19.2	18.1	6.2	66.1	25.6	0.359	0.141	0.500	2011
2016	4.1	11.0	6.8	19.0	19.8	7.9	68.5	28.0	0.330	0.173	0.503	2016
2021	4.2	11.0	6.2	20.1	20.1	10.0	71.4	29.8	0.327	0.216	0.543	2021
2026	4.1	11.1	6.0	20.2	19.6	12.6	73.7	31.3	0.333	0.275	0.608	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

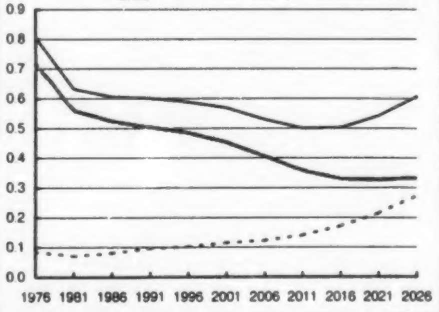
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Powell River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Powell River

Forestry-related manufacturing is the main economic driver for this area. Pacifica Papers is the primary employer in Powell River, and this area is highly dependent on the fortunes of the mill. The area is trying to diversify its economic base by developing a retirement community at Powell River. The dependence on a single major employer has resulted in significant outflows in the past when the mill underwent downsizing, and anything that would help diversify the economy would certainly be beneficial in terms of population stability.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Powell River							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	435	679	47	25	4	755	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	48	79	6	2	0	87	11.5%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	3	0	2	0	5	0.7%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	93	77	7	3	0	87	11.5%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	15	31	3	0	1	35	4.6%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	10	19	4	1	0	24	3.2%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	38	95	5	3	0	103	13.6%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	28	40	2	1	0	43	5.7%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2	7	0	1	0	8	1.1%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	18	9	4	0	0	13	1.7%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	53	21	3	0	0	24	3.2%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	36	54	0	1	0	55	7.3%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	19	12	0	0	0	12	1.6%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	17	27	2	0	0	29	3.8%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	4	4	0	0	1	5	0.7%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	3	58	1	5	1	65	8.6%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11	17	1	0	0	18	2.4%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	12	62	4	5	0	71	9.4%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	26	56	4	1	0	61	8.1%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		7	1	0	1	9	1.2%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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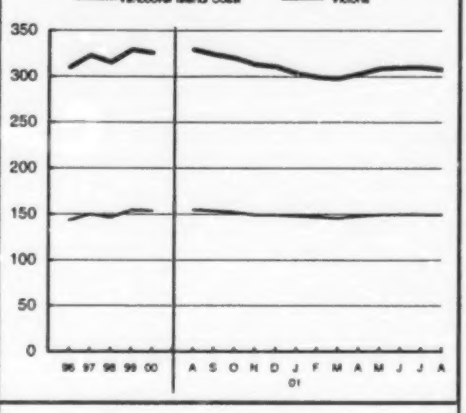
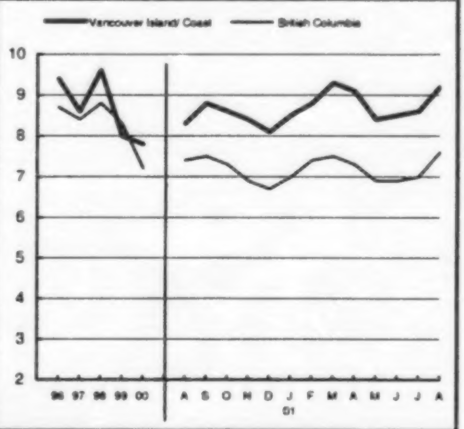
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991				134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May	308.7	8.4	149.7	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	309.9	8.5	150.1	5.9	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	310.3	8.6	149.9	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	307.7	9.2	149.6	6.9	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	332.4	7.6	155.4	6.8	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	304.5	9.0	148.4	6.2	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	-8.4		-4.5		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



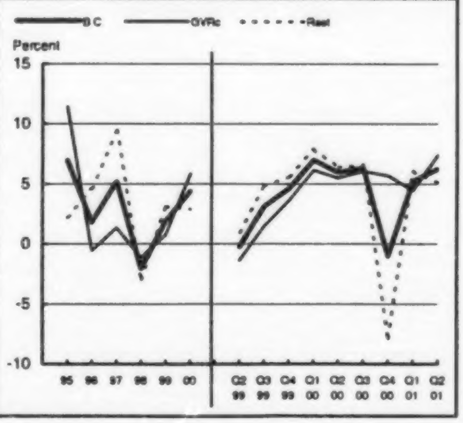
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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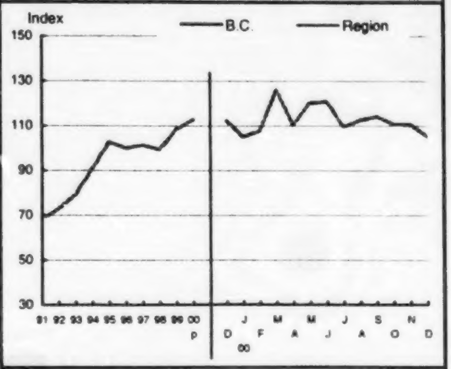
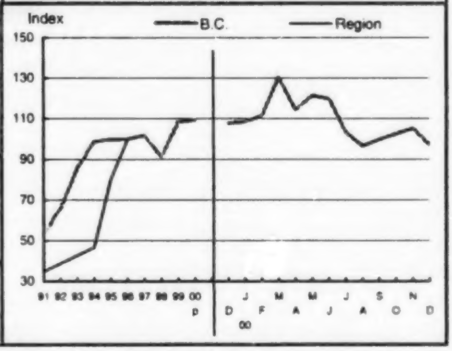
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	0	0	0	1	1
25	Wood	4	4	6	6	3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	2	1	0
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	3	3	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	11	15	18	14
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	5.5	9.4	11.7	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	3.0	4.1	3.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	0	0	0	**	**
25	Wood	**	52	66	55	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	21	30	23	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	1.6	2.0	2.1	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	0.9	1.4	1.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

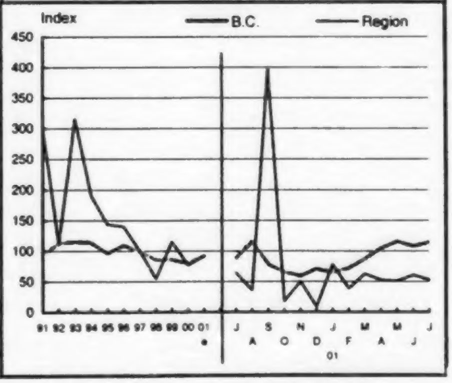


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	18.8	2.8	0.0	2.4	0.4	16.0	167
1995	14.2	3.0	0.0	2.9	0.1	11.2	147
1996	13.8	2.5	0.0	1.6	0.8	11.4	126
1997	9.9	2.1	0.4	1.6	0.1	7.8	65
1998	5.4	2.4	0.4	1.8	0.2	3.0	19
1999	11.3	5.6	0.2	5.3	0.2	5.7	42
2000	7.6	3.7	0.0	3.4	0.4	3.9	17
2001 e	9.1	5.4	0.0	5.4	0.0	3.7	25
Jul '00	3.4	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.4	2.5	13
Jul '01	3.3	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.4	19

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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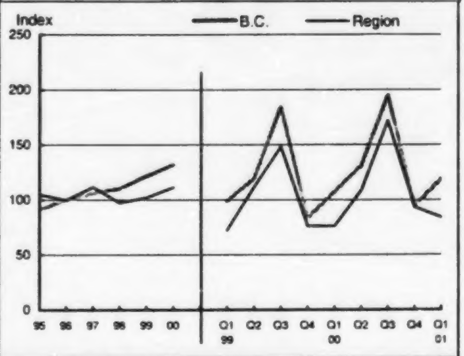
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Powell River Regional District	1997	3,482.4	587.0	1,057.6	1,164.8	673.0
	1998	3,038.2	450.7	757.4	1,197.6	632.6
	1999	3,186.3	564.5	871.3	1,155.8	594.7
	2000	3,509.5	594.5	846.0	1,340.0	729.0
	2001	654.6	654.6			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Powell River 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,477.6	100.0%
Hotels	2,445.9	70.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

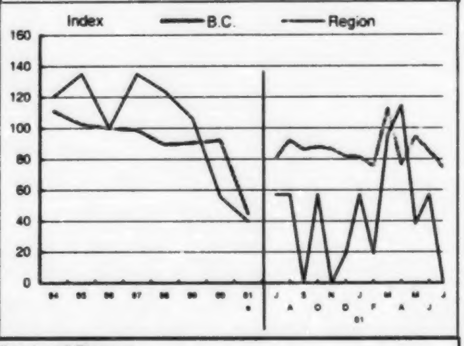


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	76
1995	85
1996	63
1997	85
1998	78
1999	67
2000	35
2001 e	25
Jan-Jul 00	28
Jan-Jul 01	20

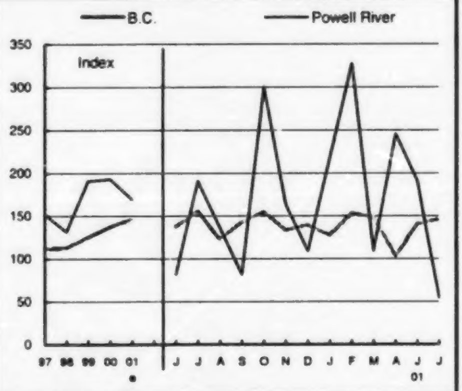
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



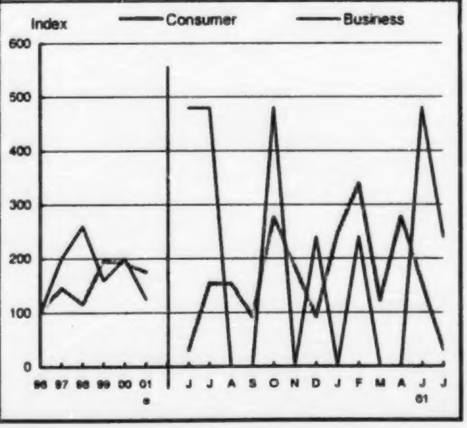
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
Year	39	5	472	99	6436	948
1997	57	10	646	120	7,366	895
1998	45	13	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	76	8	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	75	10	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	68	6	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	34	8	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	31	5	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Powell River
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

.10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

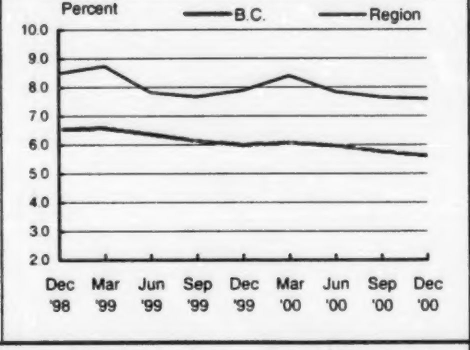
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Powell River Regional District	Sep '98	8.7	11.0	12.1	8.2	3.5
	Dec '98	8.5	11.0	13.0	7.6	3.8
	Mar '99	8.7	11.3	13.0	7.9	3.6
	Jun '99	7.8	10.3	11.6	6.9	3.6
	Sep '99	7.7	10.0	10.5	7.0	3.6
	Dec '99	7.9	10.2	10.1	7.3	3.6
	Mar '00	8.4	10.8	11.9	7.6	3.6
	Jun '00	7.8	10.0	11.5	7.0	3.6
	Sep '00	7.7	9.8	11.0	6.9	3.6
	Dec '00	7.6	9.6	11.0	6.9	3.6

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,328	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.9	41.2
1-2 Years	16.9	17.8
>2 Years	37.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



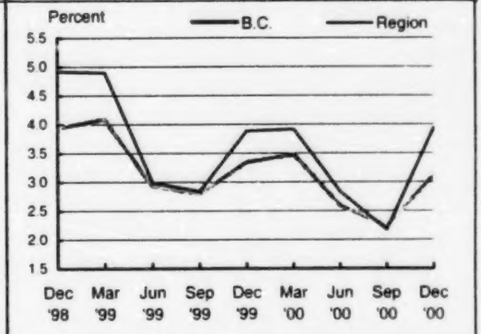
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
Powell River Regional District	3.6	4.6	4.0	1.4	Sep '98
	4.9	5.6	5.7	1.6	Dec '98
	4.9	5.1	5.7	1.5	Mar '99
	3.0	3.0	3.5	1.1	Jun '99
	2.8	2.7	3.3	1.2	Sep '99
	3.9	3.7	4.5	1.5	Dec '99
	3.9	3.5	4.6	1.5	Mar '00
	2.8	2.0	3.3	1.7	Jun '00
	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.0	Sep '00
	3.9	4.1	4.5	1.8	Dec '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

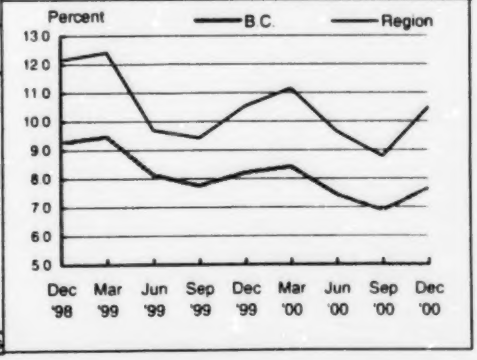
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Powell River Regional District	Dec '98	12.2	18.0	13.0	5.1
	Mar '99	12.4	17.7	13.5	5.1
	Jun '99	9.7	14.4	10.3	4.6
	Sep '99	9.4	12.8	10.1	4.7
	Dec '99	10.5	13.6	11.5	5.1
	Mar '00	11.2	15.1	12.0	5.3
	Jun '00	9.6	13.2	10.1	5.5
	Sep '00	8.8	12.7	9.2	4.6
	Dec '00	10.5	14.6	11.2	5.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Powell River
Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio of this area is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on the forest sector, which tends to be male-dominated. The median age of the population is higher than the provincial median, probably due the number of retirees attracted to the area.

14 Projection

Although this area is attempting to diversify its economy, developments in the forest sector will continue to have important impacts. It is likely that economic cycles in the forest sector will continue to affect the employment base of the area. The net migration to this area, averaged over the long-term, is likely to be slightly negative. In the short-term, developments at the mill will likely result in population declines as layoffs occur. In addition, due to the aging population, the natural increase (i.e., births minus deaths) is expected to become negative in the next few years. Combined with small net outmigration, this means that the population for this area will decline slowly over time.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

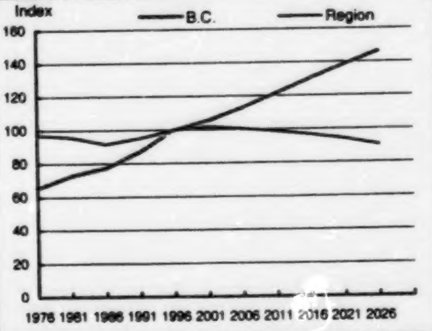
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	1.6	5.3	2.3	5.5	3.9	1.6	20.1	6.5	0.593	0.137	0.729	1976
1981	1.3	4.4	2.5	5.7	3.9	2.0	19.8	7.0	0.470	0.168	0.638	1981
1986	1.3	3.7	1.9	5.6	4.1	2.3	19.0	7.3	0.429	0.197	0.626	1986
1991	1.3	3.6	1.6	6.0	4.5	2.7	19.7	7.7	0.402	0.220	0.622	1991
1996	1.2	3.7	1.5	6.0	5.1	3.1	20.7	8.5	0.391	0.242	0.633	1996
2001	0.9	3.7	1.9	5.3	5.9	3.4	21.1	8.9	0.347	0.262	0.610	2001
2006	0.8	3.0	2.0	4.8	6.4	3.7	20.8	9.6	0.288	0.283	0.572	2006
2011	0.9	2.4	1.8	4.7	6.5	4.1	20.4	10.1	0.254	0.319	0.574	2011
2016	0.9	2.2	1.5	4.8	6.0	4.7	20.0	10.4	0.245	0.379	0.625	2016
2021	0.8	2.2	1.1	4.9	5.2	5.2	19.5	10.2	0.267	0.466	0.734	2021
2026	0.7	2.2	1.1	4.4	4.8	5.7	18.7	9.9	0.279	0.555	0.834	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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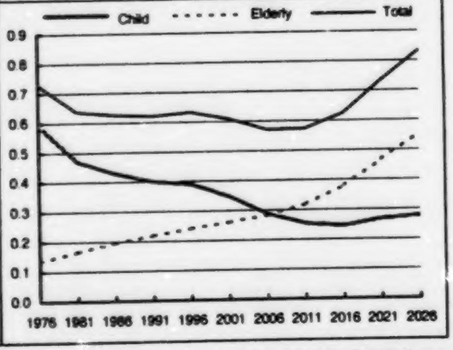

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Masset, Port Clements, Port Edward, Prince Rupert

Fishing and forestry are the primary economic activities in this region. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver region.

Developments affecting this region include cutbacks in the forest sector and further restrictions, which may be imposed on the fishing industry to avoid depletion of salmon stocks. The Prince Rupert area has seen some significant movement from the area in recent years and this outmigration is likely to continue if there is no improvement in the resource sectors. One of the uncertainties is the continued operation of Skeena Cellulose, which is suffering from falling prices for lumber and pulp.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Skeena-Queen Charlotte								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	649	783	62	22	12	879	100.0%		100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	193	106	4	2	1	113	12.9%		5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%		0.5%	787
22	Utilities		4	0	0	0	4	0.5%		0.1%	165
23	Construction	73	59	3	0	0	62	7.1%		10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	18	36	5	2	2	45	5.1%		5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	15	26	3	0	0	29	3.3%		6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	48	114	9	3	0	126	14.3%		11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	74	59	3	0	4	66	7.5%		4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	6	2	0	0	8	0.9%		1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	25	9	2	1	0	12	1.4%		3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	56	17	0	1	0	18	2.0%		4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	34	48	2	0	0	50	5.7%		11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	13	12	0	0	0	12	1.4%		2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	27	43	3	1	0	47	5.3%		4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	2	6	1	0	3	10	1.1%		1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	5	51	6	4	1	62	7.1%		8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7	25	1	0	0	26	3.0%		1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	20	70	14	4	0	88	10.0%		7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	35	84	1	1	0	86	9.8%		7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		8	3	3	1	15	1.7%		0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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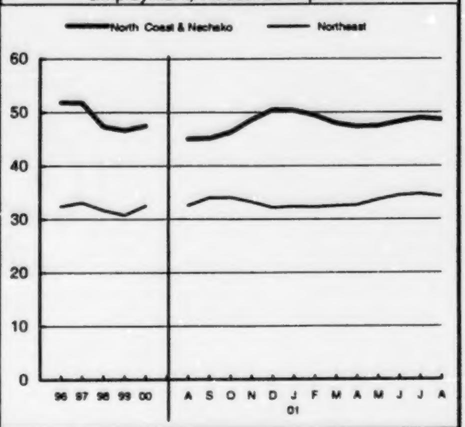
Regional District

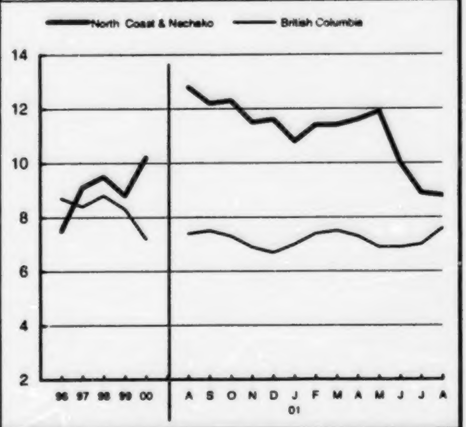
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	31.7	4.0	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	31.9	7.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	32.2	5.6	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	33.0	3.5	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	32.2	3.9	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	31.3	5.4	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	30.8	7.5	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	31.0	9.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	32.6	8.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	34.0	7.1	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	34.1	5.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	33.3	5.7	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	32.2	5.8	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	4.2	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	33.7	5.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	34.5	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	34.8	6.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	34.3	7.0	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	46.6	9.5	32.2	6.3	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	33.6	5.7	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	3.3		4.3		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



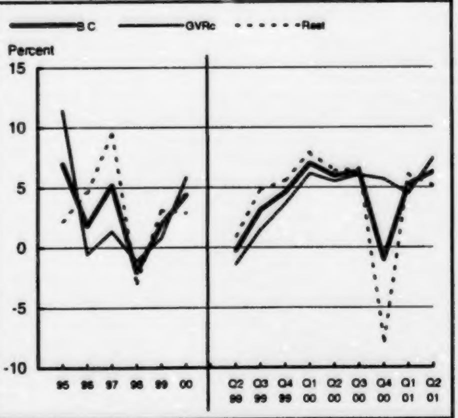
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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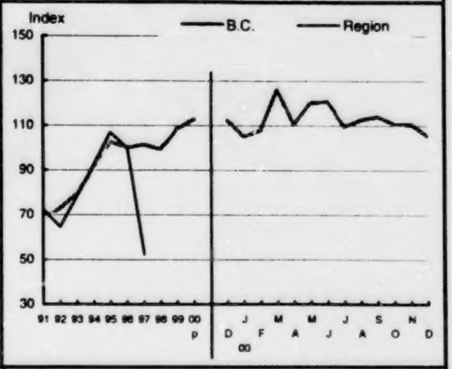
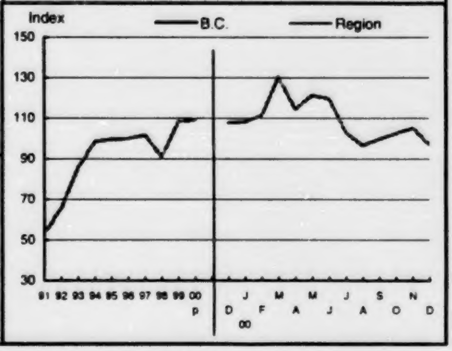
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	2	2	3	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	2	2	4	4
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	5	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	14	25	28	25
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.9	2.0	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	379.4	**	517.8	484.2	253.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	23	28	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,859	**	1,594	1,708	1,137
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.8	0.9	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	72.5	**	67.0	72.7	50.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

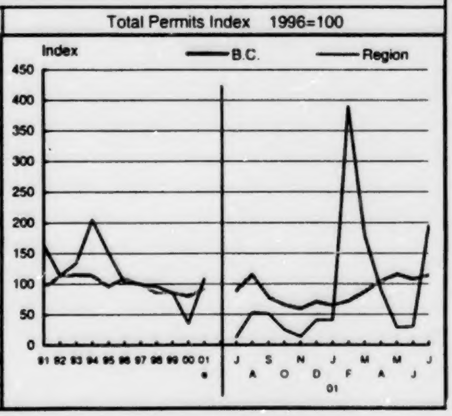


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	16.9	9.9	6.5	1.3	2.2	7.0	63
1995	12.5	4.4	0.9	2.7	0.8	8.0	62
1996	8.5	2.7	0.3	1.1	1.3	5.8	36
1997	8.3	4.4	1.8	1.8	0.7	3.9	23
1998	8.0	5.7	2.6	2.2	0.9	2.2	10
1999	7.1	4.7	0.2	1.2	3.3	2.4	12
2000	2.9	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	1.7	6
2001 e	9.0	6.0	1.6	3.2	1.3	2.9	2
Jul '00	1.7	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.0	1.0	5
Jul '01	6.6	4.8	1.3	2.6	1.0	1.8	2

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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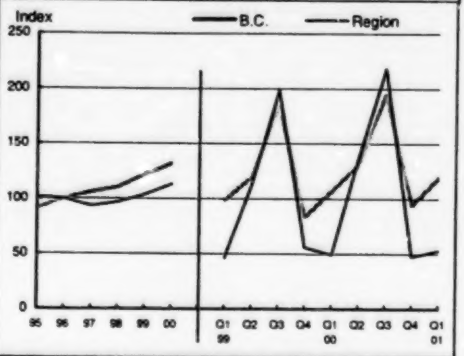
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	1997	9,383.3	1,344.4	2,589.8	4,175.5	1,273.6
	1998	9,726.4	1,173.1	2,814.2	4,410.5	1,328.6
	1999	10,408.0	1,167.8	2,831.5	4,992.4	1,416.3
	2000	11,387.0	1,248.3	3,462.6	5,475.8	1,200.3
	2001	1,335.2	1,335.2			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Skeena-Q.Charlotte 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	11,387.0	100.0%
Hotels	6,638.7	58.3%
Motels	2,389.9	21.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

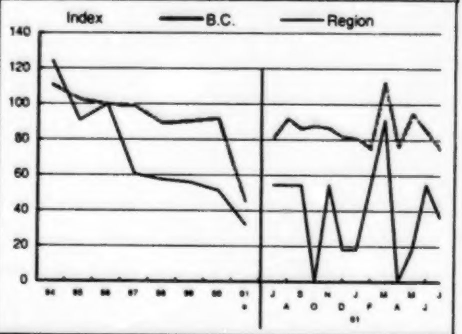


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	82
1995	60
1996	66
1997	40
1998	38
1999	37
2000	34
2001 e	21
Jan-Jul 00	24
Jan-Jul 01	15

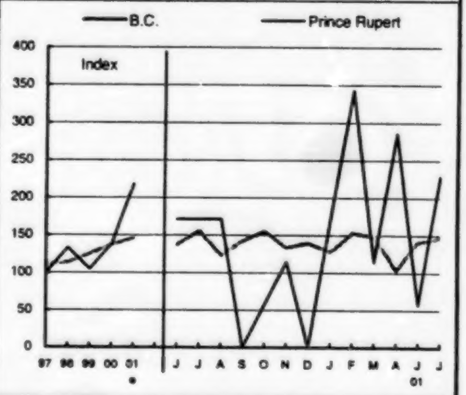
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



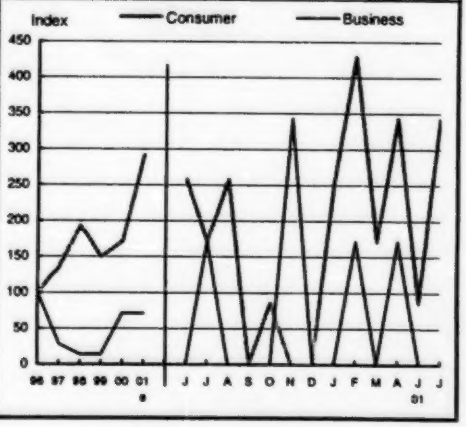
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	14	7	472	99	6436	948
1997	19	2	646	120	7,366	895
1998	27	1	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	21	1	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	24	5	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	41	5	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	10	1	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	17	1	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Sep '98	10.0	13.3	15.9	7.7	4.7
	Dec '98	11.1	13.9	18.3	8.9	4.7
	Mar '99	10.9	13.8	18.2	8.6	4.4
	Jun '99	10.1	13.2	14.9	8.2	4.4
	Sep '99	8.3	11.4	11.0	6.4	4.4
	Dec '99	9.4	12.6	14.0	7.4	4.4
	Mar '00	9.2	12.2	14.1	7.3	4.4
	Jun '00	10.2	14.2	14.0	7.9	4.4
	Sep '00	8.5	12.2	11.4	6.4	4.4
	Dec '00	9.5	12.7	13.8	7.5	4.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

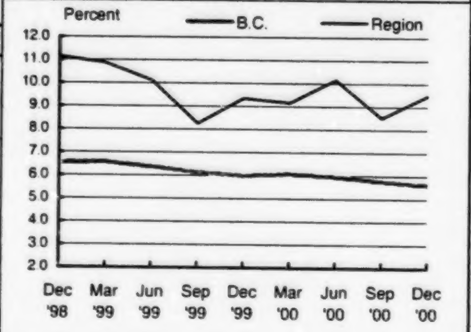
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.3	3.4	4.5	3.7	Sep '98
9.3	6.8	9.7	9.1	Dec '98
9.3	8.4	9.6	8.3	Mar '99
4.9	3.5	5.3	3.9	Jun '99
3.5	2.7	3.7	2.8	Sep '99
8.1	5.4	8.5	8.5	Dec '99
8.0	5.8	8.4	7.9	Mar '00
3.5	2.5	3.7	2.9	Jun '00
2.6	1.3	2.9	1.7	Sep '00
7.5	3.9	7.9	9.1	Dec '00

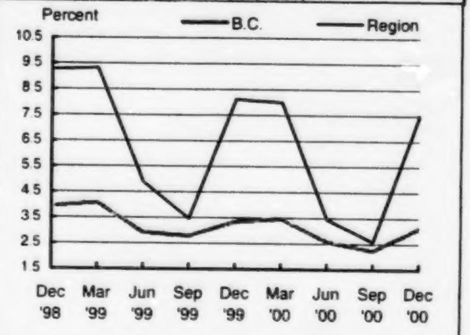
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,012	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	56.1	41.2
1-2 Years	17.3	17.8
>2 Years	26.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

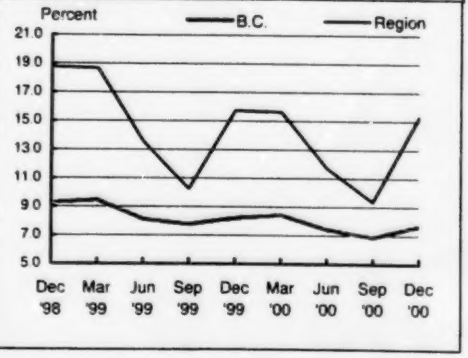
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Dec '98	18.8	24.5	18.3	15.3
	Mar '99	18.7	26.0	18.1	14.2
	Jun '99	13.5	18.3	13.4	9.3
	Sep '99	10.2	13.6	10.1	7.4
	Dec '99	15.7	19.1	15.6	12.9
	Mar '00	15.7	19.6	15.5	12.1
	Jun '00	11.7	16.2	11.5	8.0
	Sep '00	9.4	12.6	9.2	6.7
	Dec '00	15.3	17.5	15.2	13.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Skeena-Queen Charlotte

Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally experienced net migration outflows over the last 25 years. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) has offset migration outflows, but in some years there has been a population decline.

The gender ratio for this area is substantially weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on male-dominated resource industries. Since men tend to have lower life expectancies than women, the median age at death is substantially lower than the provincial median. The overall median age is also significantly lower than for the province as a whole and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is much higher than the provincial ratio, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population, which is much lower than the provincial ratio. Also, the total fertility rate in this region is substantially higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

This region has generally experienced net outflows of migrants and it is expected that this trend will continue, particularly if the problems in the resource sectors worsen. However, the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) should more than offset any losses due to migration, except in the short-term, and the population of this area should continue to grow as a result.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

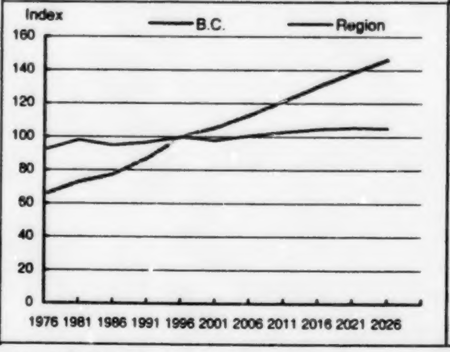
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.4	6.2	3.5	7.3	3.5	1.0	23.8	6.8	0.605	0.069	0.674	1976
1981	2.4	5.9	4.1	8.6	3.4	1.1	25.4	7.9	0.513	0.066	0.578	1981
1986	2.3	5.3	3.1	8.9	3.7	1.2	24.6	8.3	0.486	0.078	0.564	1986
1991	2.4	5.1	2.6	9.2	4.2	1.5	25.0	8.7	0.470	0.091	0.562	1991
1996	2.2	5.4	2.6	9.3	4.9	1.5	25.9	9.2	0.455	0.090	0.545	1996
2001	1.6	5.2	2.6	8.6	5.6	1.7	25.3	9.1	0.405	0.102	0.507	2001
2006	1.5	4.8	2.6	8.2	7.0	2.0	26.0	9.9	0.355	0.115	0.470	2006
2011	1.5	4.2	2.6	7.6	8.1	2.6	26.6	10.7	0.309	0.142	0.451	2011
2016	1.5	3.7	2.5	7.3	8.6	3.5	27.1	11.6	0.281	0.188	0.470	2016
2021	1.4	3.7	2.0	7.3	8.4	4.5	27.3	11.9	0.287	0.257	0.544	2021
2026	1.3	3.6	1.9	6.9	7.9	5.7	27.2	12.0	0.291	0.339	0.631	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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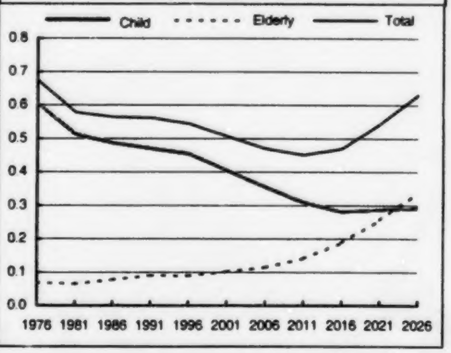


Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, Whistler

Tourism has overtaken forestry as the main economic driver for this region, mostly on the strength of the ski resort at Whistler. As the Whistler resort becomes more all-season, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The forest sector is still the dominant activity in the Lillooet area.

Developments that will affect the population in this region include several tourism-related projects such as a couple of new resorts being planned that could take some of the growth pressure off Whistler.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Squamish-Lillooet							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,215	1,324	138	72	13	1,547	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	67	97	4	4	0	105	6.8%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	6	0	0	0	6	0.4%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities	1	0	0	1	0	1	0.1%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	240	223	10	3	2	238	15.4%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	34	58	4	2	2	66	4.3%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	41	50	0	0	0	50	3.2%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	90	193	21	11	1	226	14.6%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	48	62	7	1	0	70	4.5%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	14	18	0	0	0	18	1.2%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	49	18	3	0	0	21	1.4%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	188	49	10	3	1	63	4.1%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	129	104	5	0	0	109	7.0%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	76	17	2	0	0	19	1.2%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	70	91	9	3	0	103	6.7%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	3	17	1	0	1	19	1.2%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	7	68	6	3	1	78	5.0%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	40	33	9	3	1	46	3.0%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	60	105	36	33	2	176	11.4%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	55	105	5	2	1	113	7.3%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		10	6	3	1	20	1.3%	0.5%	815

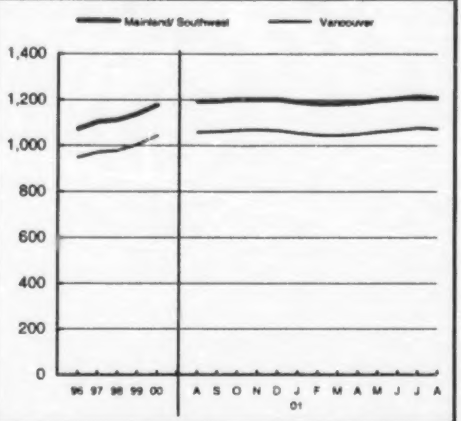
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

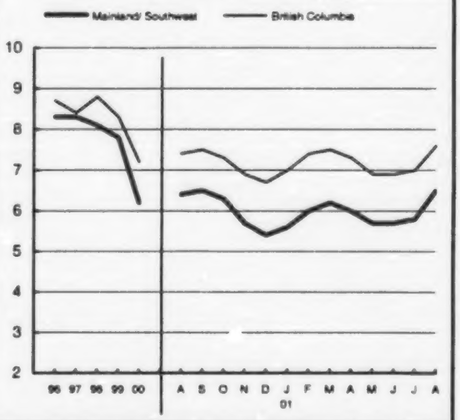
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991				832.8	8.5	1,572.6	10.1
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,143.3	7.1	1,005.7	6.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,147.2	6.8	1,011.5	6.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,143.8	6.7	1,011.8	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,147.2	6.3	1,017.3	6.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,153.4	6.1	1,023.1	5.8	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,169.1	6.0	1,036.6	5.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,181.9	6.1	1,048.4	5.9	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,192.9	6.4	1,058.3	6.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,196.1	6.5	1,062.3	6.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,202.1	6.3	1,066.7	6.1	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,202.5	5.7	1,069.3	5.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,202.5	5.4	1,067.2	5.2	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,198.8	5.7	1,060.2	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,205.2	5.7	1,068.1	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,215.0	5.8	1,077.8	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,208.2	6.5	1,072.9	6.4	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	1,165.9	6.4	1,033.0	6.1	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	1,196.6	6.2	1,059.7	6.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.6		2.6		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



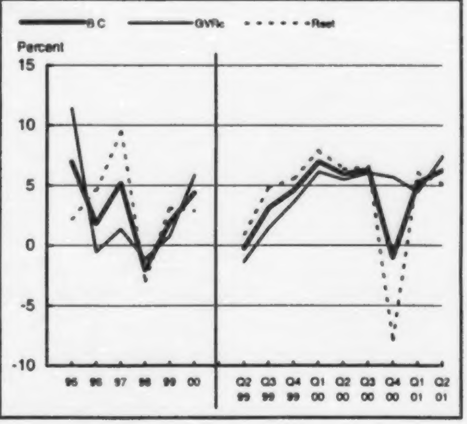
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

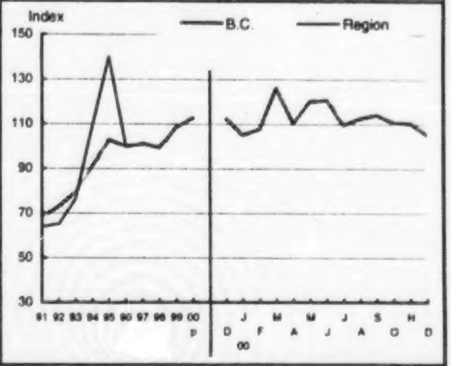


Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

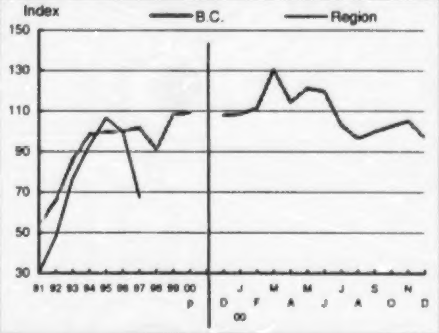
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	8	9	8	8	8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	5	4	4	5
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	17	19	22	23	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	126.3	153.8	176.4	165.5	111.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.7	2.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	261.5	373.6	478.9	342.0	344.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	4	0	0	0
25	Wood	436	447	432	462	393
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	5	25
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	889	976	976	973	984
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	19.2	18.8	19.9	22.6	19.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.2	1.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	41.3	45.4	47.8	48.4	49.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

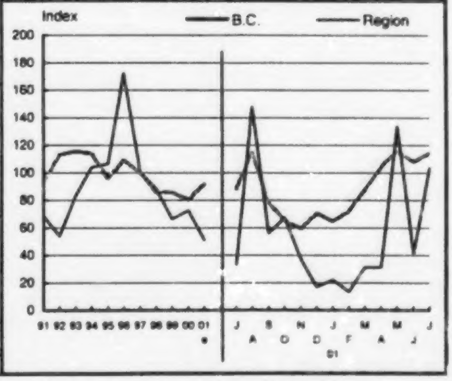


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	135.4	50.2	1.6	34.7	14.0	85.1	674
1995	138.4	71.1	4.4	52.1	14.6	67.3	578
1996	223.7	96.3	2.9	92.0	1.3	127.5	1,042
1997	130.0	44.7	1.8	40.7	2.1	85.2	641
1998	114.8	65.9	1.2	63.2	1.6	48.9	295
1999	86.3	20.0	0.7	16.9	2.5	66.3	432
2000	94.4	44.9	1.9	33.1	9.9	49.6	250
2001 e	66.5	11.1	0.6	9.6	0.9	55.4	324
Jul '00	59.2	29.2	1.3	21.4	6.5	30.0	172
Jul '01	40.8	7.2	0.4	6.2	0.6	33.6	223

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

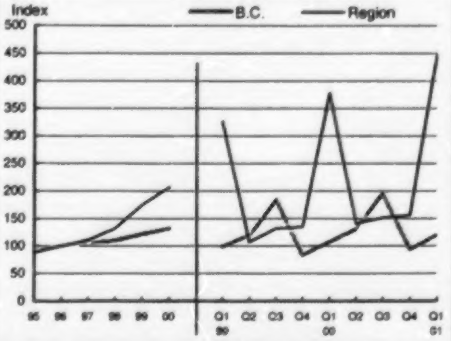
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	1997	101,975.0	45,044.4	14,411.8	22,224.1	20,294.7
	1998	121,006.3	52,213.1	14,457.2	27,986.5	26,349.5
	1999	160,495.0	74,717.9	24,627.9	30,295.1	30,854.1
	2000	189,439.8	86,523.6	32,487.6	34,675.7	35,753.0
	2001	102,160.9	102,160.9			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Squamish-Lillooet 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	189,409.8	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	28,425.3	15.0%
Hotels	153,537.2	81.1%			
76+ Rooms	120,319.8	63.5%			
1-75 Rooms	33,217.4	17.5%			
Motels	2,475.5	1.3%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

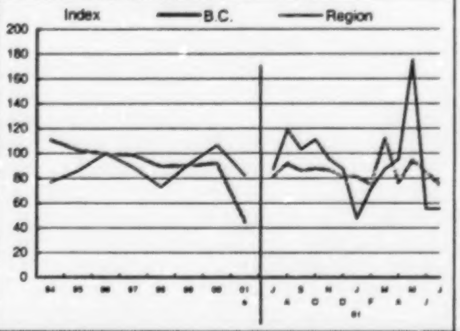


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	116
1995	130
1996	151
1997	134
1998	110
1999	138
2000	161
2001 e	124
Jan-Jul 00	96
Jan-Jul 01	74

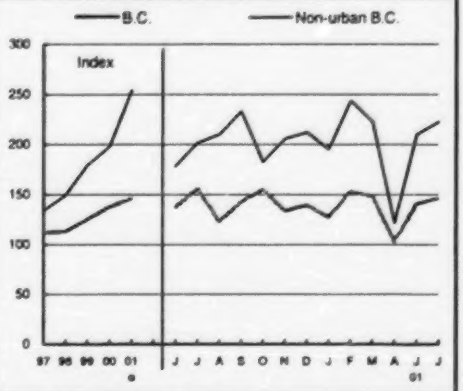
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



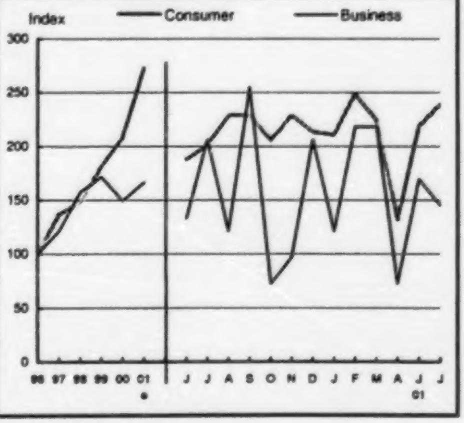
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	646	120	7,366	895		
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031		
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075		
2000	983	148	9,181	976		
2001 e	1,285	165	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Sep '98	4.2	6.5	4.0	3.3	2.1
	Dec '98	4.6	6.7	5.1	3.6	2.2
	Mar '99	4.1	6.3	4.2	3.2	2.0
	Jun '99	4.0	6.0	4.4	3.1	2.0
	Sep '99	3.3	5.2	3.4	2.6	2.0
	Dec '99	3.3	5.1	3.2	2.6	2.0
	Mar '00	3.1	4.8	2.8	2.5	2.0
	Jun '00	2.9	4.5	2.5	2.3	2.0
	Sep '00	2.8	4.5	2.3	2.1	2.0
	Dec '00	3.0	4.8	2.7	2.3	2.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

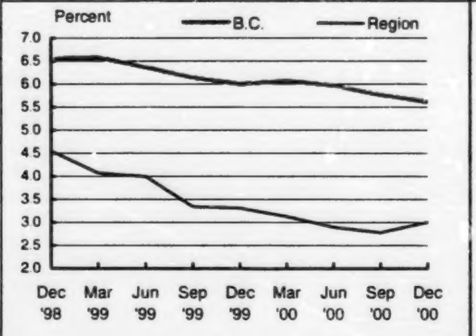
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	2.3	3.5	2.7	Sep '98
4.4	3.3	4.7	3.6	Dec '98
4.4	3.9	4.7	3.5	Mar '99
3.2	2.9	3.5	1.9	Jun '99
2.9	2.4	3.2	1.5	Sep '99
3.4	2.6	3.7	2.3	Dec '99
3.3	2.6	3.6	2.4	Mar '00
2.7	1.7	3.0	1.9	Jun '00
2.3	1.8	2.6	1.5	Sep '00
3.2	2.1	3.6	2.2	Dec '00

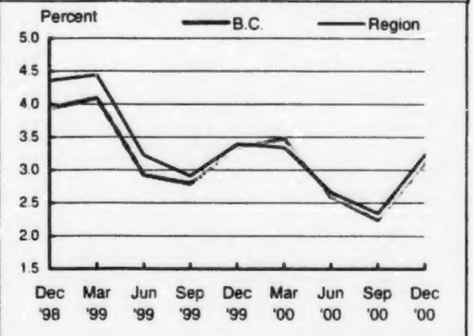
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	941	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.3	41.2
1-2 Years	14.9	17.8
>2 Years	34.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

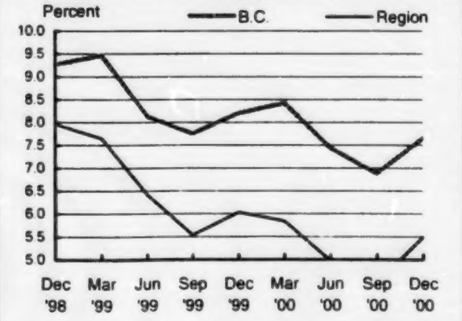
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Dec '98	8.0	8.1	8.1	6.4
	Mar '99	7.7	7.9	7.8	6.2
	Jun '99	6.4	7.0	6.5	5.0
	Sep '99	5.5	5.6	5.7	4.3
	Dec '99	6.0	5.7	6.2	5.2
	Mar '00	5.8	5.2	6.0	5.4
	Jun '00	5.0	4.2	5.2	4.7
	Sep '00	4.5	4.0	4.7	4.2
	Dec '00	5.5	4.6	5.8	4.7

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

13 Demographics

Migration to this area has been strong in recent years, particularly as Whistler grows in popularity as a tourist destination. The forest sector still dominates the economy and this is evident in the gender ratio, which is significantly biased in favour of males, since forest employment tends to be male-dominated. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

The median age of the population of this region is substantially younger than the provincial median, and this is due to a small proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) compared to the province as a whole. The ratio of elderly to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is less than half the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

This area has one of the fastest growing populations in British Columbia. As the burgeoning tourism industry continues to supplant forestry as the main economic activity, there will likely be more stable migration patterns, and the outflows in the early eighties will likely not be seen again. As the Whistler resort becomes more of an all-season resort, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The projection is for strong, sustained growth for this region, with the population more than doubling in 25 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

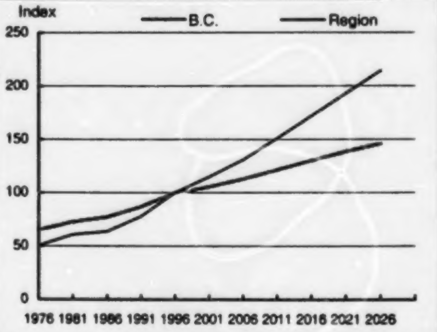
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	4.3	2.4	4.8	2.5	0.6	16.2	4.9	0.604	0.064	0.669	1976
1981	1.9	4.3	2.8	6.5	3.0	0.9	19.5	6.5	0.508	0.073	0.580	1981
1986	1.8	4.2	2.3	7.5	3.4	1.3	20.5	7.5	0.452	0.102	0.553	1986
1991	2.1	4.8	2.5	9.9	4.2	1.6	25.1	9.0	0.416	0.093	0.509	1991
1996	2.4	5.6	3.7	12.9	5.7	1.9	32.1	11.9	0.359	0.083	0.442	1996
2001	2.2	5.9	4.4	14.3	7.8	2.3	37.0	14.5	0.310	0.087	0.396	2001
2006	2.4	6.0	4.9	15.4	10.3	3.0	42.1	17.1	0.275	0.097	0.372	2006
2011	2.8	5.9	6.0	17.0	12.9	3.9	48.6	20.4	0.243	0.110	0.353	2011
2016	3.2	6.5	5.9	19.6	14.6	5.5	55.3	23.5	0.242	0.138	0.380	2016
2021	3.6	7.4	5.9	21.7	16.1	7.3	62.1	25.9	0.252	0.167	0.419	2021
2026	3.9	8.4	6.3	23.4	17.3	9.5	68.8	28.0	0.263	0.202	0.465	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

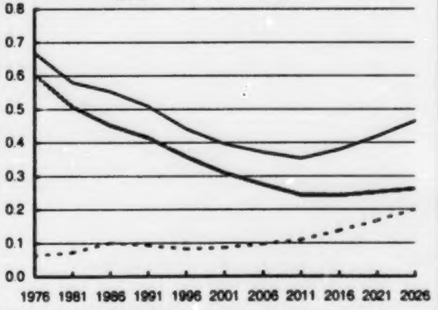
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Stikine
Region

1 General Economy

Mining, tourism and forestry are all important contributors to the economy in this region. In the forest sector, the threefold increase to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area could have significantly positive repercussions for this area, and could result in relatively large inflows of population, particularly if a large processing facility is built. Even in the absence of the processing facility, the road construction that would have to coincide with the harvesting would open up the area and increase the potential for new mines and new communities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 **New!**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	46	57	5	2	0	64	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1	3	0	0	0	3	4.7%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	2	0	0	0	2	3.1%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	6	9	1	0	0	10	15.6%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.7%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	6	11	0	0	0	11	17.2%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	5	7	0	0	0	7	10.9%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.6%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.7%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2	2	0	0	0	2	3.1%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	1	1	0	1	0	2	3.1%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance		1	1	0	0	2	3.1%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3	3	0	0	0	3	4.7%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	3	6	3	1	0	10	15.6%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	5	3	0	0	0	3	4.7%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		2	0	0	0	2	3.1%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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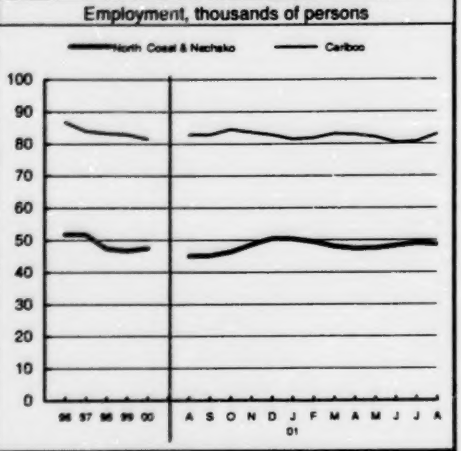
Region

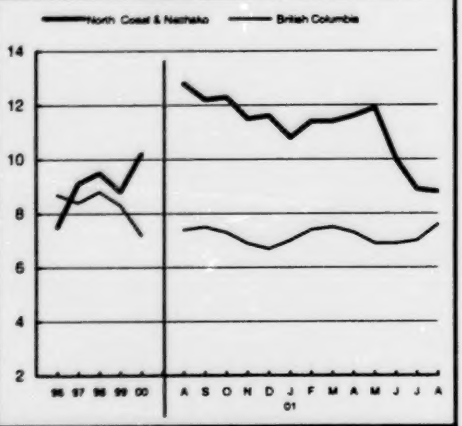
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	47.5	11.9	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	48.3	10.0	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	49.0	8.9	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	48.7	8.8	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	46.6	9.5	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	48.1	10.7	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	3.3		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



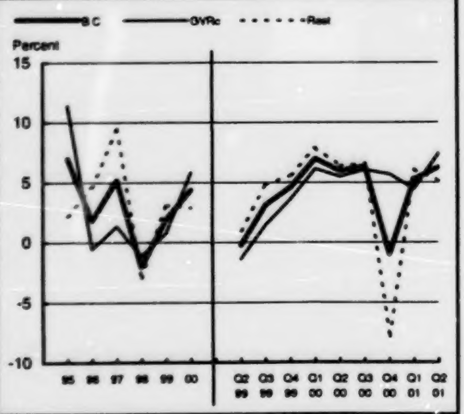
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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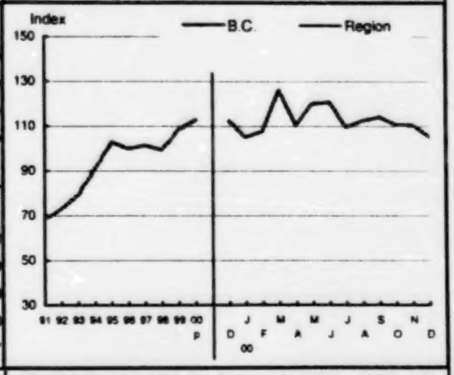
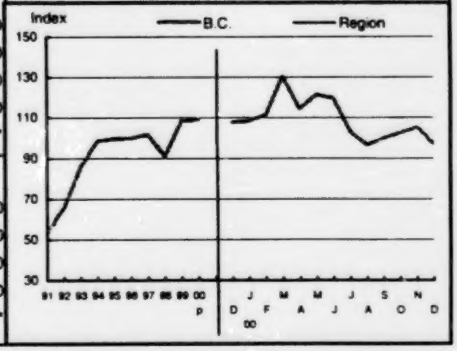
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	1	1	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1	1	2	1	1
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	**	**	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

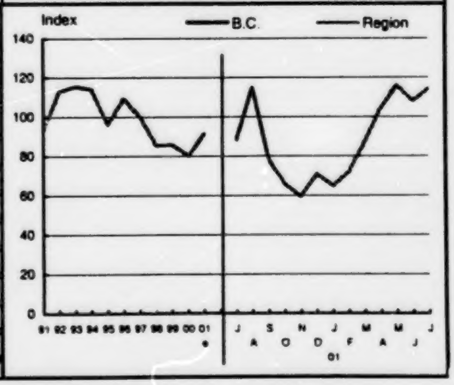


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001 e	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul '00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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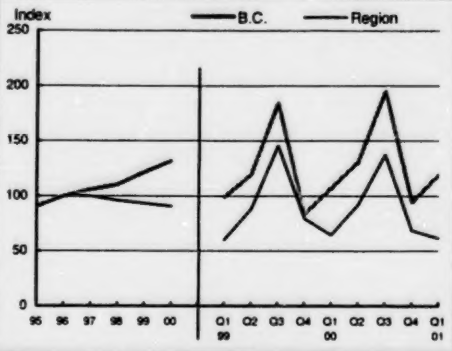
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Bulkley-Nechako R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Stikine Regional District	1997	9,301.2	1,555.2	2,332.5	3,470.5	1,943.0
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	1,435.5	1,435.5			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Stikine 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,446.5	100.0%
Hotels	2,808.2	33.2%
Motels	4,404.5	52.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

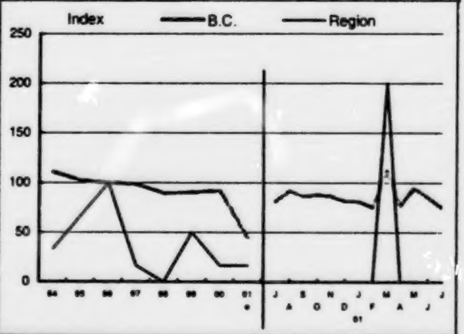


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1994	2
1995	4
1996	6
1997	1
1998	0
1999	3
2000	1
2001 e	1
Jan-Jul 00	1
Jan-Jul 01	1

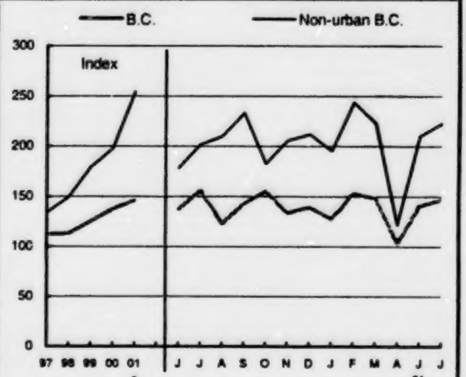
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



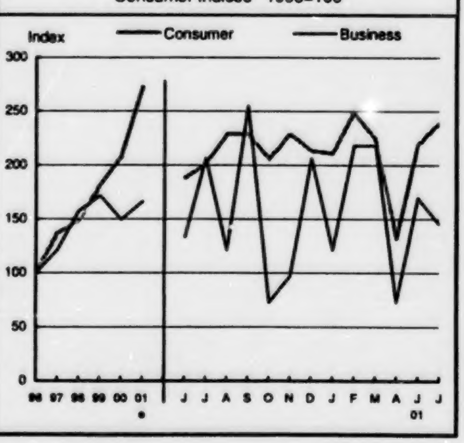
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	646	120	7,366	895		
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031		
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075		
2000	983	148	9,181	976		
2001 e	1,285	165	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

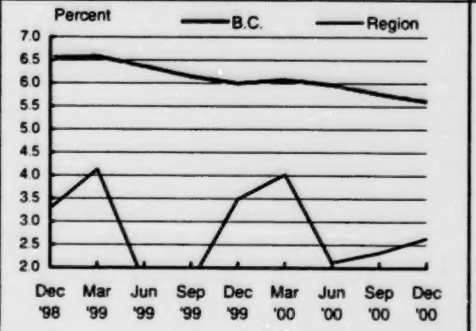
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Stikine Regional District	Sep '98	2.0	3.7	-	1.2	1.6
	Dec '98	3.3	5.4	5.7	2.5	-
	Mar '99	4.1	7.2	8.5	2.9	2.5
	Jun '99	1.7	-	-	1.7	2.5
	Sep '99	1.7	3.4	-	1.5	2.5
	Dec '99	3.5	4.3	8.8	2.7	2.5
	Mar '00	4.0	5.1	10.6	3.3	2.5
	Jun '00	2.1	-	-	2.1	2.5
	Sep '00	2.3	3.8	-	2.1	2.5
	Dec '00	2.6	4.3	-	2.3	2.5

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	28	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	96.0	41.2
1-2 Years	-	17.8
>2 Years	-	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

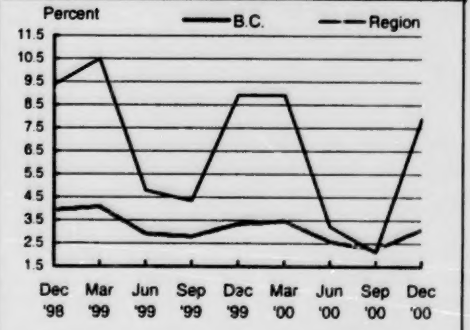
- Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	-	3.9	3.9	Sep '98
9.4	11.7	9.4	7.0	Dec '98
10.5	14.4	10.8	6.2	Mar '99
4.8	-	5.2	-	Jun '99
4.3	-	4.9	-	Sep '99
8.9	8.6	9.7	5.5	Dec '99
8.9	9.6	9.3	6.9	Mar '00
3.2	-	2.8	5.5	Jun '00
2.1	-	1.7	-	Sep '00
7.9	9.6	7.6	8.3	Dec '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

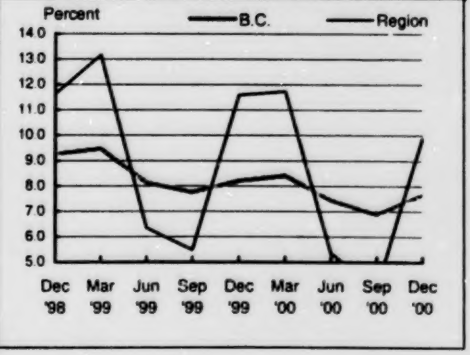
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Stikine Regional District	Dec '98	11.6	16.2	11.7	7.2
	Mar '99	13.2	22.9	13.1	6.4
	Jun '99	6.3	7.2	7.0	2.9
	Sep '99	5.5	3.8	6.5	2.2
	Dec '99	11.6	14.7	12.1	7.0
	Mar '00	11.7	16.9	11.9	7.1
	Jun '00	5.3	7.8	4.7	6.6
	Sep '00	4.0	6.3	3.8	-
	Dec '00	9.9	13.3	9.7	8.3

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This area is sparsely populated and this results in rather erratic demographic statistics. However, the remoteness of the area means that the age structure of the population is consistently younger than that of the province as a whole. The median age is significantly lower than the provincial median, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is significantly lower than the ratio for the province as a whole. Another consistent statistic is that the gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

The developments in the forest sector should lead to substantial population growth for this area. Most of this increase will be driven by net inflows of migrants, drawn to the area by the increase in employment opportunities resulting from the increased AAC.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

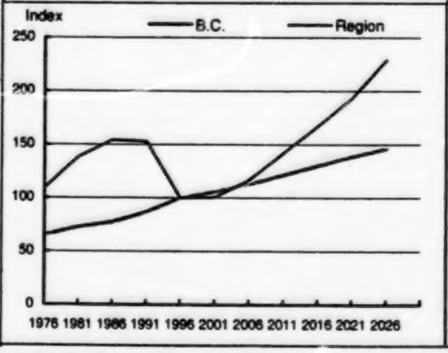
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.6	0.5	0.609	0.023	0.632	1976
1981	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.0	2.0	0.6	0.538	0.023	0.562	1981
1986	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	0.8	0.551	0.033	0.584	1986
1991	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	2.2	0.8	0.448	0.051	0.499	1991
1996	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.6	0.396	0.064	0.460	1996
2001	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.6	0.342	0.091	0.433	2001
2006	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	1.7	0.7	0.315	0.114	0.429	2006
2011	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	2.1	0.9	0.300	0.168	0.468	2011
2016	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.3	2.4	1.0	0.292	0.199	0.491	2016
2021	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.4	2.8	1.0	0.296	0.232	0.529	2021
2026	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.0	0.5	3.3	0.8	0.300	0.232	0.532	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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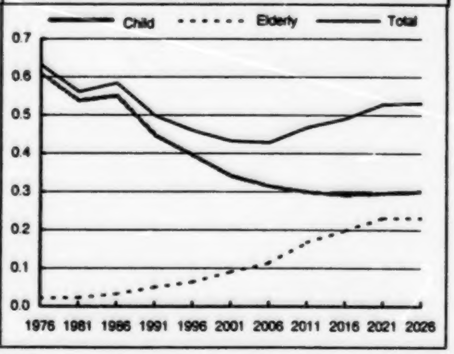

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Sunshine Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Gibsons, Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District

Forestry is the main economic driver for this area, with two large processing facilities at Port Mellon, and considerable employment in harvesting throughout the region. The area has also become somewhat of a retirement centre. The proximity to Vancouver, combined with relatively inexpensive housing, helps draw retirees to the area.

There are plans to upgrade the ferry transportation to this region, which will make the area more accessible and could lead to further population growth. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, regions like this one could experience a burst of population growth.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Sunshine Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,149	928	46	24	3	1,001	100.0%	100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	122	78	8	5	0	91	9.1%	5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	4	2	0	1	0	3	0.3%	0.5%	787
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	165
23	Construction	277	123	2	0	0	125	12.5%	10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	50	45	1	4	1	51	5.1%	5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	39	43	1	1	0	45	4.5%	6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	77	136	10	4	0	150	15.0%	11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	45	44	0	0	0	44	4.4%	4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	25	13	0	0	0	13	1.3%	1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	53	21	1	1	0	23	2.3%	3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	139	37	1	0	0	38	3.8%	4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	115	86	3	0	0	89	8.9%	11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	40	12	1	0	0	13	1.3%	2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	47	36	0	0	0	36	3.6%	4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	6	8	0	0	1	9	0.9%	1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	11	70	7	2	1	80	8.0%	8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26	20	2	0	0	22	2.2%	1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	25	75	9	2	0	86	8.6%	7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	48	75	0	0	0	75	7.5%	7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		4	0	4	0	8	0.8%	0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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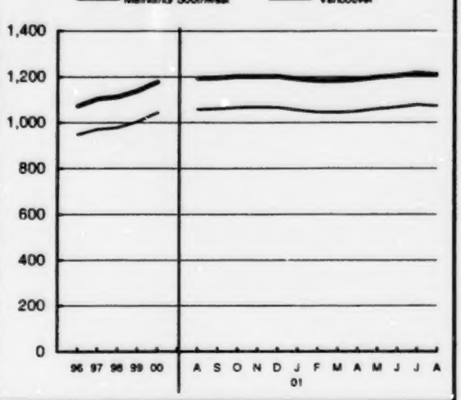
Sunshine Coast
Regional District

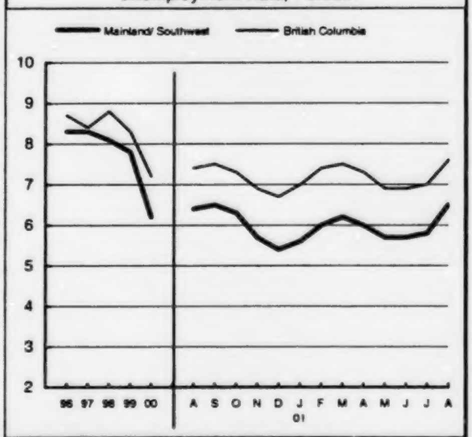
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991				832.8	8.5	1,572.6	10.1
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,143.3	7.1	1,005.7	6.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,147.2	6.8	1,011.5	6.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,143.8	6.7	1,011.8	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,147.2	6.3	1,017.3	6.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,153.4	6.1	1,023.1	5.8	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,169.1	6.0	1,036.6	5.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,181.9	6.1	1,048.4	5.9	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,192.9	6.4	1,058.3	6.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,196.1	6.5	1,062.3	6.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,202.1	6.3	1,066.7	6.1	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,202.5	5.7	1,069.3	5.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,202.5	5.4	1,067.2	5.2	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May	1,198.8	5.7	1,060.2	5.6	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	1,205.2	5.7	1,068.1	5.7	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	1,215.0	5.8	1,077.8	5.8	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	1,208.2	6.5	1,072.9	6.4	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	1,165.9	6.4	1,033.0	6.1	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	1,196.6	6.2	1,059.7	6.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.6		2.6		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



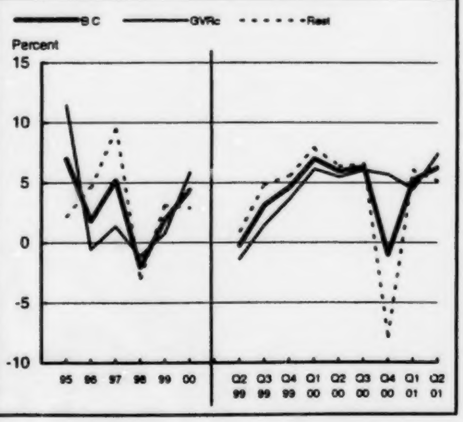
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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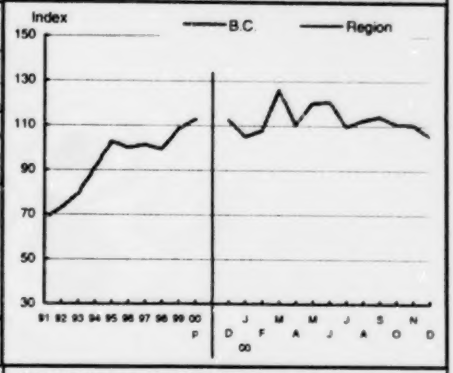
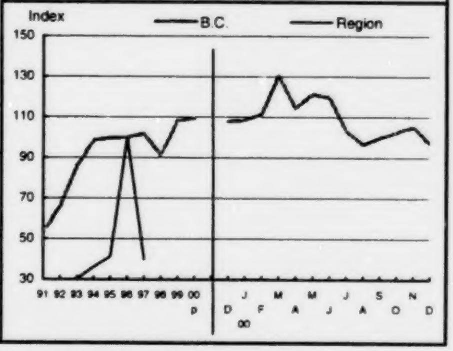
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	2	2	2
25	Wood	4	3	4	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	2	3	4	3
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	15	12	14	14	12
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	16.0	18.3	44.2	17.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	194	195	292	200
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	7.8	7.7	10.6	9.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

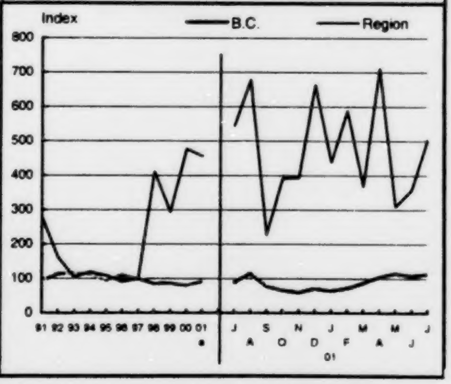


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	7.5	3.1	0.0	0.2	2.9	4.4	47
1995	6.9	2.2	0.0	0.6	1.6	4.6	41
1996	5.7	2.6	0.0	1.6	1.0	3.0	19
1997	6.3	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.1	4.5	23
1998	25.7	7.6	1.0	3.2	3.5	18.1	103
1999	18.4	5.5	0.0	4.9	0.6	12.9	90
2000	29.9	5.4	1.1	4.0	0.3	24.5	150
2001 e	28.6	4.7	0.8	2.0	1.9	23.9	148
Jul '00	17.6	3.6	1.0	2.4	0.2	14.0	84
Jul '01	17.1	3.5	0.7	1.2	1.5	13.6	83

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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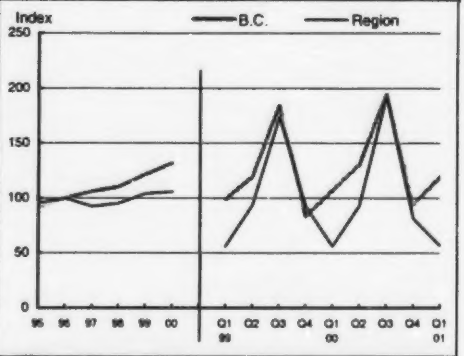
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sunshine Coast Regional District	1997	3,006.2	407.1	815.6	1,266.3	517.1
	1998	3,100.6	429.0	844.4	1,370.9	456.3
	1999	3,382.6	456.8	760.8	1,413.7	751.3
	2000	3,451.5	458.7	759.5	1,568.4	664.9
	2001	463.6	463.6			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,806.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Sunshine Coast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,446.1	100.0%
Motels	1,603.2	46.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

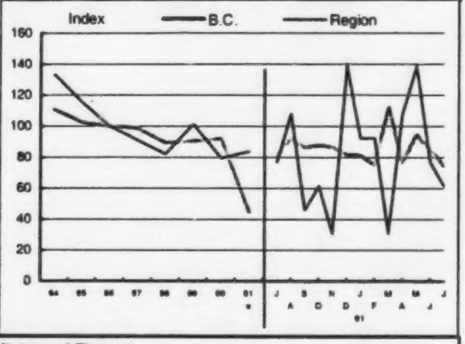


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	104
1995	90
1996	78
1997	71
1998	64
1999	79
2000	62
2001 e	65
Jan-Jul 00	37
Jan-Jul 01	39

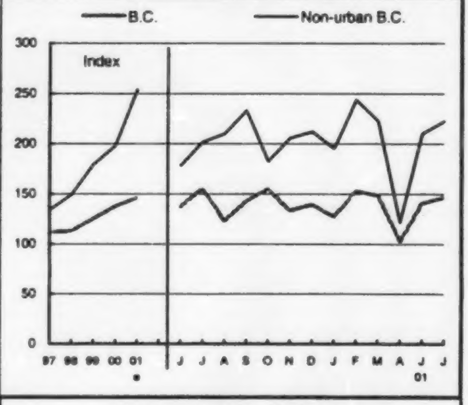
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



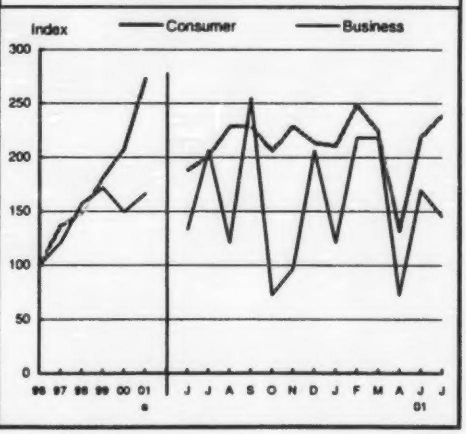
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	472	99	6436	948	#REF!	#REF!
1997	646	120	7,366	895		
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031		
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075		
2000	983	148	9,181	976		
2001 e	1,285	165	9,731	1,073		
Jan-Jun 00	488	71	4,704	493		
Jan-Jun 01	638	79	4,986	542		

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

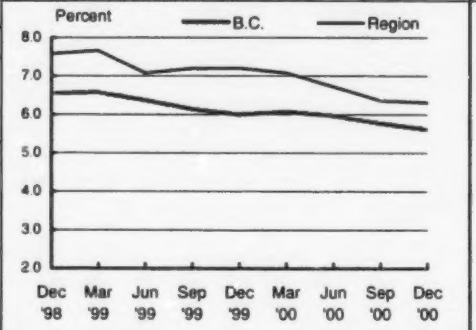
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sep '98	7.5	11.3	9.3	6.4	4.1
	Dec '98	7.6	10.8	10.3	6.7	4.1
	Mar '99	7.7	10.8	9.7	6.9	3.8
	Jun '99	7.1	10.1	8.5	6.3	3.8
	Sep '99	7.2	10.9	8.0	6.2	3.8
	Dec '99	7.2	10.8	8.3	6.3	3.8
	Mar '00	7.1	10.0	8.9	6.4	3.8
	Jun '00	6.7	9.5	8.0	6.0	3.8
	Sep '00	6.4	9.2	7.9	5.6	3.8
	Dec '00	6.3	8.9	7.5	5.7	3.8

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,395	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.8	41.2
1-2 Years	18.6	17.8
>2 Years	38.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



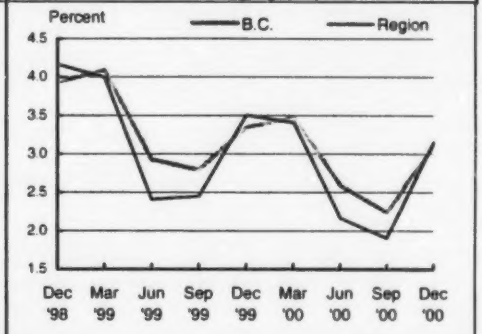
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
Sunshine Coast Regional District	2.9	2.6	3.3	1.5	Sep '98
	4.2	4.3	4.6	2.2	Dec '98
	4.0	4.4	4.4	2.3	Mar '99
	2.4	2.2	2.7	1.3	Jun '99
	2.5	2.1	2.8	1.2	Sep '99
	3.5	3.3	3.9	2.2	Dec '99
	3.4	3.0	3.7	2.4	Mar '00
	2.2	1.8	2.4	1.4	Jun '00
	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.1	Sep '00
	3.2	3.5	3.4	2.0	Dec '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

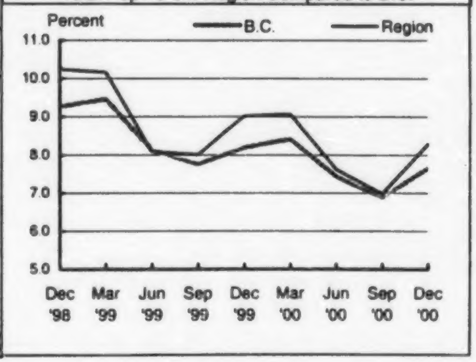
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Dec '98	10.2	14.1	11.1	4.6
	Mar '99	10.2	13.7	11.0	4.7
	Jun '99	8.1	10.4	8.9	3.7
	Sep '99	8.0	9.7	8.9	3.6
	Dec '99	9.0	11.2	9.9	4.4
	Mar '00	9.1	11.5	9.9	4.6
	Jun '00	7.6	9.6	8.3	3.8
	Sep '00	7.0	10.2	7.5	3.2
	Dec '00	8.3	10.9	9.0	4.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This area has generally had positive net migration, particularly in the mid-nineties. In the last 25 years the population of the region has more than doubled. Since the region is a popular place to retire, the median age of the population is substantially higher than the provincial median. The ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the ratio for British Columbia as a whole. This area also has a significantly higher total fertility rate compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The proximity to the Lower Mainland and the promise of improvements to the transportation network bode well for population growth in this area. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, there will likely be increasing inflows of retirees to the area. The projection is for strong, sustained population growth over the term of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

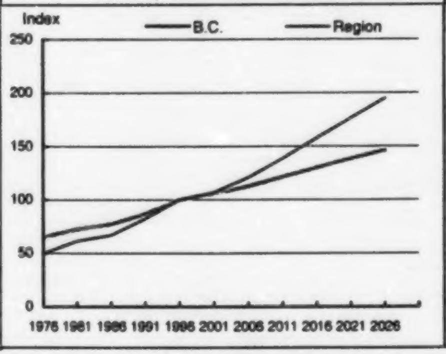
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	0.9	2.7	1.3	3.3	3.0	1.7	12.8	4.8	0.466	0.219	0.685	1976
1981	1.1	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.5	2.3	15.9	6.2	0.402	0.233	0.634	1981
1986	1.2	2.9	1.2	5.2	3.8	3.0	17.4	7.2	0.404	0.290	0.694	1986
1991	1.4	3.6	1.4	6.6	4.8	3.6	21.3	8.7	0.390	0.284	0.674	1991
1996	1.6	4.5	1.5	7.4	6.3	4.4	25.8	10.8	0.401	0.289	0.690	1996
2001	1.2	4.8	2.3	6.8	7.7	5.0	27.7	11.9	0.359	0.299	0.658	2001
2006	1.4	4.6	2.8	7.4	9.3	5.6	31.2	14.2	0.311	0.289	0.600	2006
2011	1.7	4.7	3.2	8.7	11.0	6.6	35.9	16.9	0.281	0.288	0.569	2011
2016	2.1	5.1	3.3	10.4	11.7	8.1	40.7	19.7	0.285	0.321	0.606	2016
2021	2.3	6.0	3.1	12.1	12.1	10.0	45.6	22.0	0.303	0.368	0.671	2021
2026	2.4	6.7	3.5	13.0	12.8	11.9	50.3	24.3	0.313	0.407	0.720	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

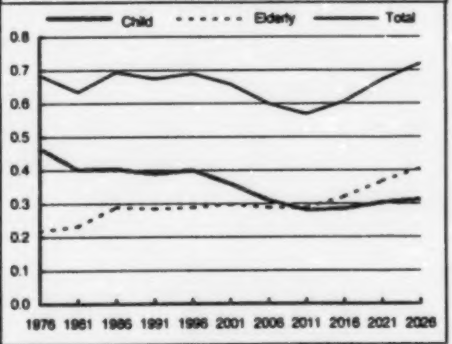
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Chase, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, particularly in the North Thompson area. In the Kamloops area, mining is another important economic activity. There are two major mines currently operating in the area. The Highland Valley mine at Logan Lake is the largest in the province, employing over 1,000 people. The Blackdome mine near Clinton reopened in 1998 after being closed for seven years, but has since shut down once again due to low gold prices. The mine will likely reopen once prices improve.

A development that will have a substantial impact on the population of this region will be the closure of the Highland Valley Mines. The large number of employees at this mine will mean significant population impacts following closure. The mine is scheduled to close sometime around 2009.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P26 completed in the Summer of 2001. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2000 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson-Nicola								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,300	4,348	372	151	21	4,892	100.0%		100.0%	157,371
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	341	420	18	8	0	446	9.1%		5.9%	9,259
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	20	21	0	1	1	23	0.5%		0.5%	787
22	Utilities	5	7	0	1	0	8	0.2%		0.1%	165
23	Construction	549	532	35	10	0	577	11.8%		10.8%	17,071
31-33	Manufacturing	116	179	20	16	4	219	4.5%		5.7%	9,045
41	Wholesale Trade	106	197	26	6	0	229	4.7%		6.6%	10,356
44-45	Retail Trade	258	539	53	23	2	617	12.6%		11.4%	17,866
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	229	251	12	7	1	271	5.5%		4.7%	7,339
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	21	30	5	3	0	38	0.8%		1.5%	2,360
52	Finance & Insurance	181	102	6	4	1	113	2.3%		3.3%	5,245
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	466	194	7	6	0	207	4.2%		4.5%	7,083
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	279	342	16	3	0	361	7.4%		11.0%	17,257
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	183	56	6	1	0	63	1.3%		2.1%	3,301
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	122	225	13	1	0	239	4.9%		4.7%	7,379
61	Educational Services	17	47	6	3	5	61	1.2%		1.1%	1,739
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	37	341	26	17	3	387	7.9%		8.5%	13,405
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	42	96	11	2	2	111	2.3%		1.7%	2,748
72	Accom. & Food Services	130	332	89	28	1	450	9.2%		7.4%	11,647
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	198	402	16	4	0	422	8.6%		7.9%	12,504
91	Public Administration		35	7	7	1	50	1.0%		0.5%	815

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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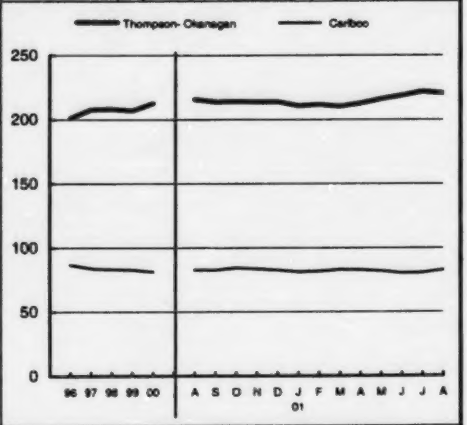
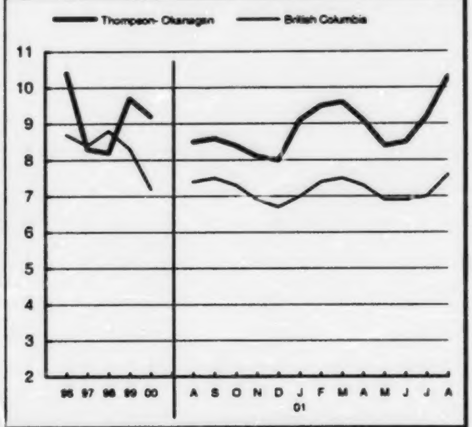
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May	216.0	8.4	82.1	9.9	1,956.7	6.9
	Jun	218.7	8.5	80.4	10.5	1,969.1	6.9
	Jul	221.8	9.2	80.7	9.7	1,984.1	7.0
	Aug	220.7	10.3	83.0	10.5	1,976.3	7.6
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Aug00	212.0	9.8	80.7	9.9	1,942.1	7.4
	Jan-Aug01	216.4	9.6	82.4	10.1	1,953.2	7.4
	% Change	2.1		2.1		0.6	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



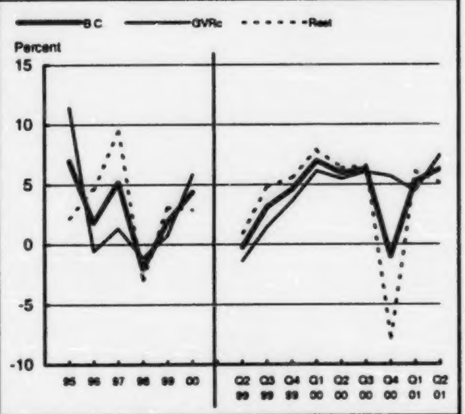
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8
	01 1	8,290.9	4,272.1	4,018.8	5.2	4.5	6.1
	01 2	9,570.6	4,863.7	4,706.9	6.3	7.4	5.1

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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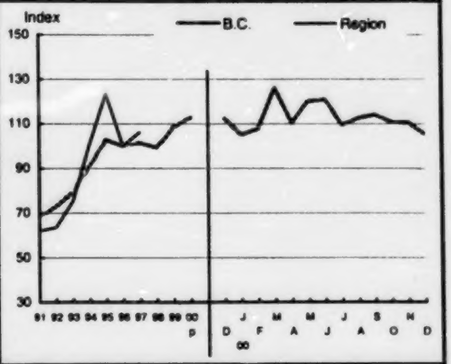
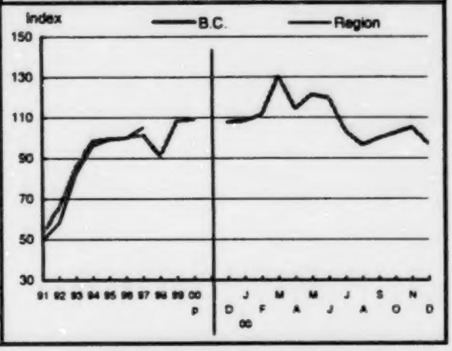
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	2	1
25	Wood	25	25	25	32	31
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13	13	13	16	16
30	Metal Fabricating	15	15	17	20	19
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	79	83	82	102	100
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	442.4	516.7	532.5	536.9	564.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	396.5	397.2	416.6	427.8
30	Metal Fabricating	10.0	13.6	23.4	23.3	20.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	707.3	945.5	1,155.8	938.4	996.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,807	1,985	2,080	1,833	1,880
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,425	1,586	1,288	1,323
30	Metal Fabricating	126	140	170	162	202
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,280	3,530	3,894	3,657	3,719
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	72.5	86.8	94.7	84.2	90.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	63.0	70.4	59.0	68.2
30	Metal Fabricating	4.1	4.7	6.3	6.8	7.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	144.3	162.8	187.7	169.3	174.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

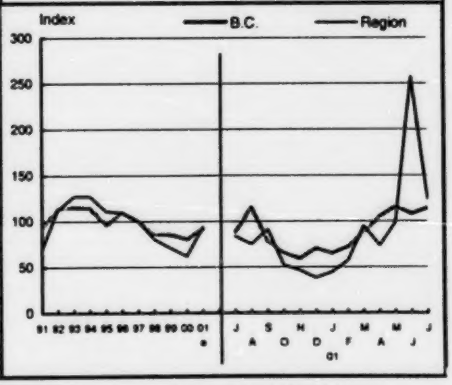


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1994	189.9	50.0	5.2	39.7	5.0	139.9	1,306
1995	165.9	63.6	3.1	39.1	21.4	102.2	992
1996	163.8	57.1	2.6	39.6	14.9	106.7	1,025
1997	149.4	53.4	14.9	32.6	5.9	96.0	870
1998	119.9	50.7	3.8	32.2	14.6	69.2	524
1999	106.0	44.7	3.4	34.7	6.6	61.3	533
2000	92.2	44.7	4.0	24.4	16.3	47.5	342
2001 e	140.4	81.0	5.2	52.9	22.9	59.4	513
Jul '00	54.5	24.5	1.0	16.9	6.6	30.0	194
Jul '01	93.3	55.7	4.1	42.3	9.3	37.6	291

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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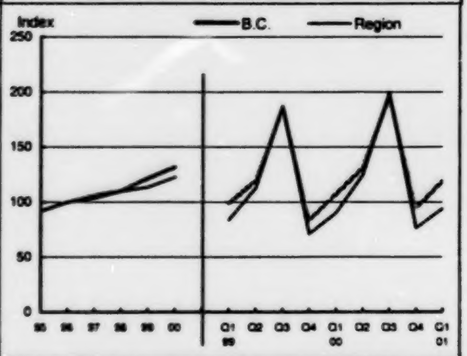
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	1997	43,246.7	6,668.2	10,860.7	18,388.1	7,329.8
	1998	45,899.6	7,450.5	12,360.7	18,725.7	7,362.7
	1999	47,425.2	8,753.2	11,781.2	19,494.9	7,395.9
	2000	51,184.7	9,438.5	12,979.7	20,774.0	7,992.6
	2001	9,841.3	9,841.3			
British Columbia	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,441,606.1	293,507.0	357,892.9	532,797.8	257,408.4
	2001	326,039.3	326,039.3			

Thompson-Nicola 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	51,171.6	100.0%	Motels	20,148.3	39.4%
Fishing lodges	1,158.5	2.3%	Vacation Rentals	7,300.0	14.3%
Hotels	18,808.9	36.8%			
76+ Rooms	13,740.9	26.9%			
1-75 Rooms	5,067.9	9.9%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

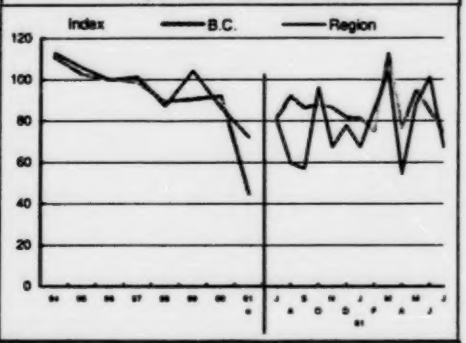


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1994	523
1995	490
1996	463
1997	469
1998	403
1999	482
2000	400
2001 e	334
Jan-Jul 00	262
Jan-Jul 01	219

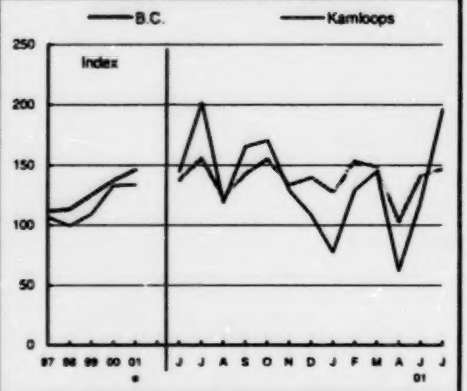
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



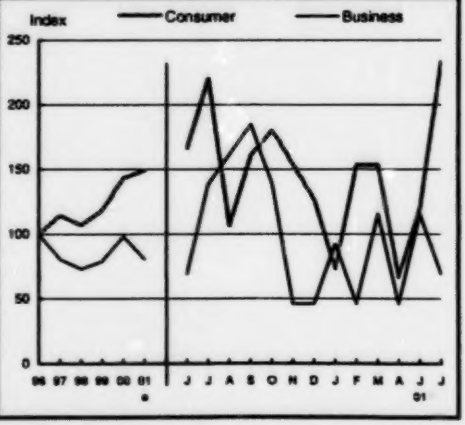
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Consumer		Consumer		Consumer	
	180	52	472	99	6436	948
1997	206	42	646	120	7,366	895
1998	193	38	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	213	41	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	258	51	983	148	9,181	976
2001 e	268	42	1,285	165	9,731	1,073
Jan-Jun 00	149	34	488	71	4,704	493
Jan-Jun 01	155	28	638	79	4,986	542

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Consumer Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Sep '98	8.5	12.3	9.3	7.3	4.2
	Dec '98	8.1	11.2	9.3	7.2	3.8
	Mar '99	8.5	11.7	10.4	7.6	3.9
	Jun '99	8.4	11.7	10.2	7.3	3.9
	Sep '99	8.2	11.5	9.8	7.1	3.9
	Dec '99	7.9	10.7	10.0	7.0	3.9
	Mar '00	8.1	10.7	10.9	7.1	3.9
	Jun '00	8.2	11.1	11.0	7.2	3.9
	Sep '00	7.9	10.8	9.9	6.9	3.9
	Dec '00	7.6	10.2	9.6	6.7	3.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

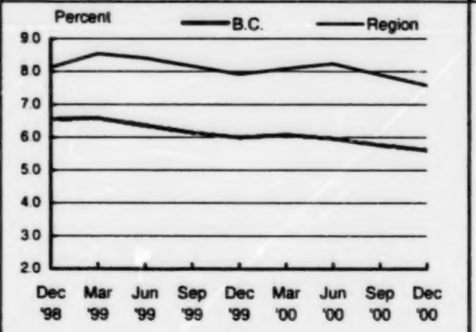
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.5	4.0	3.8	1.8	Sep '98
5.3	6.4	5.6	2.7	Dec '98
5.9	7.0	6.4	2.9	Mar '99
3.9	4.1	4.3	1.7	Jun '99
4.2	3.8	4.7	2.3	Sep '99
4.4	4.7	4.7	2.5	Dec '99
5.0	5.3	5.3	3.0	Mar '00
3.2	3.4	3.5	1.6	Jun '00
2.9	2.9	3.1	1.6	Sep '00
4.5	4.9	4.9	2.6	Dec '00

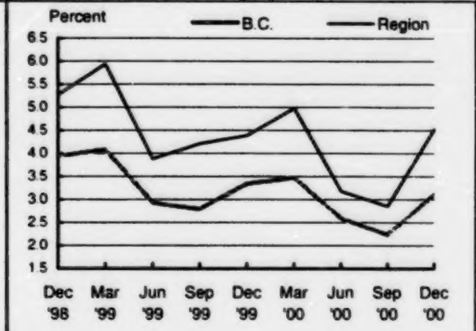
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	8,346	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.5	41.2
1-2 Years	19.1	17.8
>2 Years	37.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

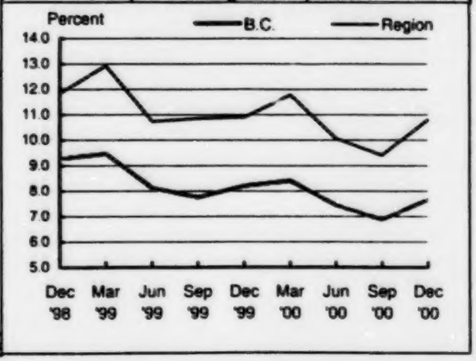
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Dec '98	11.8	15.2	12.5	6.0
	Mar '99	12.9	16.9	13.7	6.1
	Jun '99	10.7	14.0	11.4	4.9
	Sep '99	10.9	13.2	11.6	5.3
	Dec '99	10.9	14.3	11.4	5.6
	Mar '00	11.8	15.9	12.2	6.3
	Jun '00	10.1	14.0	10.5	4.9
	Sep '00	9.4	12.5	9.8	4.8
	Dec '00	10.8	14.3	11.3	5.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many regions in British Columbia with a significant dependence on the resource sectors, this region experienced net migration outflows through the mid-eighties. Since that time, the population has been steadily growing. The gender ratio in this area is biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole where there are more females than males. The reason for this is the region's dependence on the male-dominated resource sector jobs.

14 Projection

The closure of the Highland Valley Mines will have a significant effect on the population of this area, reducing migration inflows to the region for several years. However, the diversity of the region's economy will ensure that the net migration will remain positive and strong. The projection is for this region to continue to experience strong population growth throughout the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	8.0	25.8	12.4	27.7	15.6	4.9	94.4	28.9	0.606	0.088	0.694	1976
1981	8.2	24.4	14.7	33.0	17.9	6.5	104.7	35.1	0.497	0.100	0.597	1981
1986	7.6	21.4	11.4	33.4	19.8	8.2	101.8	36.8	0.450	0.127	0.577	1986
1991	7.4	21.3	10.3	34.8	22.7	10.6	107.1	39.4	0.423	0.157	0.580	1991
1996	7.8	23.7	12.1	38.4	28.3	13.4	123.6	46.6	0.399	0.169	0.569	1996
2001	6.4	23.6	13.2	38.2	33.5	16.3	131.3	52.8	0.354	0.192	0.546	2001
2006	7.0	22.4	13.9	39.8	39.8	19.1	142.1	60.3	0.315	0.204	0.519	2006
2011	7.5	21.7	13.8	41.9	44.7	22.1	151.7	67.1	0.291	0.220	0.511	2011
2016	8.0	22.6	13.6	45.6	46.8	26.9	163.4	73.9	0.288	0.253	0.541	2016
2021	8.2	24.6	12.8	48.4	49.0	32.2	175.2	79.4	0.298	0.292	0.590	2021
2026	8.4	26.1	14.2	49.1	51.5	37.9	187.2	85.3	0.301	0.330	0.631	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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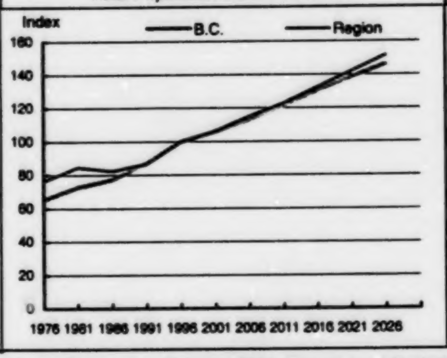
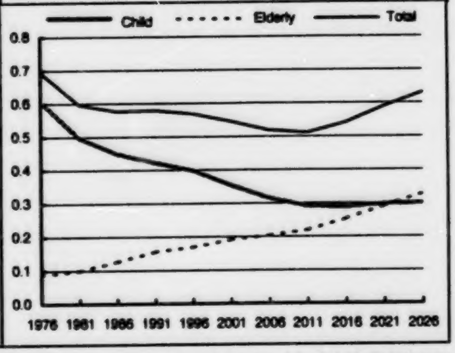


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2001. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Geography

This report is organized by geographic region. British Columbia comprises eight **development regions**, which in turn are composed of varying numbers of **regional districts**. The same set of data tables are presented for: the province of British Columbia; each development region, sorted in numeric order according to the code number, and; each regional district, sorted in alphabetic order.

Regional districts are generally equivalent to Statistics Canada's (SC's) census divisions. Readers are cautioned that regional district boundaries are sometimes subject to change. Langley City and Langley District Municipality were transferred to Greater Vancouver Regional District from Central Fraser Valley Regional District in 1989. Peace River-Liard Regional District has been split into Peace River Regional District and Fort Nelson-Liard Regional District. This report now publishes data for the two new northern RDs. The data for the old Peace River-Liard RD will be the same as for Northeast Development Region. In the Spring of 1999 the name of Fort Nelson-Liard RD changed to Norther Rockies RD.

In 1995, a number of changes occurred in the lower mainland: the municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows were moved from Dewdney-Alouette RD into the Greater Vancouver RD. In January 1996, the remnants of Dewdney-Alouette RD amalgamated with the remnants of the Central Fraser Valley RD (Abbotsford and Matsqui) and the Fraser-Cheam RD to form Fraser Valley RD. While this report is organized according to the new boundaries in the Fraser valley, Tables 5 and 8 within RDs 9, and 15 are presented on the basis of add-ups of the most substantial pieces of the former jurisdictions and Table 6 incorporates a noted break in the series.

The list below shows the relationship of regional districts to development regions. The associated census division number is provided for each regional district.

DR 1: Vancouver Island/Coast
- 23 Alberni-Clayoquot
- 17 Capital
- 45 Central Coast
- 25 Comox-Strathcona
- 19 Cowichan Valley
- 43 Mount Waddington
- 21 Nanaimo
- 27 Powell River

DR 2: Mainland/Southwest
- 09 Fraser Valley
- 15 Greater Vancouver
- 31 Squamish-Lillooet
- 29 Sunshine Coast

DR 3: Thompson/Okanagan
- 35 Central Okanagan
- 39 Columbia-Shuswap
- 37 North Okanagan
- 07 Okanagan-Similkameen
- 33 Thompson-Nicola

DR 4: Kootenay
- 03 Central Kootenay
- 01 East Kootenay
- 05 Kootenay Boundary

DR 5: Cariboo
- 41 Cariboo
- 53 Fraser-Fort George

DR 6: North Coast
- 49 Kitimat-Stikine
- 47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte

DR 7: Nechako
- 51 Bulkley-Nechako
- 57 Stikine

DR 8: Northeast
- 55 Peace River
- 59 Northern Rockies

Table 2: Economic Structure

This table is based on SC's **Business Register**, the central database which is used to frame all their business surveys. This database identifies business

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establishments, which are normally company locations or plants that are able to separately report basic financial statistics. For further information on the definition of an establishment, interested readers are referred to SC's *North American Industry Classification System (Canada 1997)* manual, catalogue 12-501.

Changes to the Business Register in recent years have broadened the coverage of the file. A new 'indeterminate' category of employment size includes sole proprietorships and those firms without paid employment.

Table 3: Employment and unemployment rate (LFS)

The data for this table comes from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) by Statistics Canada. The series presented here are three-month moving average, actual. This presentation minimizes the volatility inherent in small samples and sample rotation. Data are only available for BC, development regions and the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) of Vancouver and Victoria. Vancouver CMA is identical to the 1996 Census boundaries of Greater Vancouver Regional District. Victoria CMA is equivalent to Capital Regional District **less** Subdivision A (the Gulf Islands) and Subdivision D (Port Renfrew) and the Indian Reserves associated with these areas.

Table 4: Retail Sales

We publish SC figures for British Columbia and Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area and calculate the difference as "Rest of Province". Since the new boundaries for Greater Vancouver Regional District coincide with the Vancouver CMA boundaries, the GVRD data in *QRS* is for the new RD boundaries.

SC publishes estimates of monthly and quarterly retail sales for each province by up to 16 **retail trade groups**. This estimate includes only retail sales by firms that are SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) coded to **major group 60**, **Retail Trade**. The province and Greater Vancouver retail trade totals used in this report are these published numbers, based on the **monthly survey**. The annual survey results differ from the monthly estimates and are not used in this report.

Table 5: Manufacturing Principal Statistics

This table provides selected **principal statistics** based on surveys conducted by SC. Similar sub-provincial data was published by SC in the catalogued publication 31-209 up to and including the 1986 reference year. SC has now released for publication principal statistics for 1992. We have suppressed data where there is the possibility of disclosure of confidential information. There are some differences in the detail of information available to *BC STATS* and to SC. In addition, the suppression preferrences chosen, at our request, have worked against some of the data that *QRS* chooses to publish. More specific industry detail is preserved at the expense of major group roll-ups. This has resulted in the complete suppression of six regional districts and hence the four development regions that include them for the 1992 year and later. As the sub-provincial data is available on an annual basis only, it is supplemented by annual and monthly shipments for the same industries at the provincial level. Monthly shipment data are published in SC 31-001 and, in more detail on CANSIM, which is the electronic data base we used to update the series:

D315351 - Canada, total, all manufact'ing
D315497 - Canada, wood industries
D321241 - B.C., total, all manufacturing
D321243 - B.C., food industries
D321387 - B.C., wood industries
D321390 - B.C., sawmill & planing mill
D321431 - B.C., fabricated metal products

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Table 6: Building Permits

SC collects building permit data from municipal and regional district offices. Data for many rural areas is incomplete or non-existent. Further, not all building projects require a building permit, and not all projects with a permit proceed or are completed.

As in other series, when at least six months data are available for the current year, a projection of the annual total is provided. However, as non-residential permits are subject to wide variation, projections of industrial, commercial, and institutional & government permits are limited to 130% of the current year-to-date value whenever the current year-to-date figure is more than double the figure for the same period in the previous year. The 130% ceiling has been arbitrarily chosen as suitable when data for six months remain to be released in the current year. As the end of the year is approached a lower ceiling is appropriate. The ceiling is reduced 5% per month as the number of months remaining until the end of the year decreases.

Table 7: Tourism Room Revenue

This table is intended to measure **tourism activity** but includes business travel and other uses of accommodation. The data is based on remittances of hotel room tax to the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Not all accommodation activity is measured as the statutory requirement is that the tax must be remitted when the establishment has four or more rooms, and no tax is required for a duration of stay of at least one month. This has the effect of excluding many **bed and breakfasts** and **residential hotels**.

Table 8: Incorporations

Tables 8 and 9 are intended to provide an indication of business formation and failure. Data on incorporations comes from the Ministry of Finance and Corporations. The weakness on the formation side is the failure to include partnerships, extra-provincially incorporated companies, and new sole proprietorship business ventures.

Table 9: Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

We receive bankruptcy data from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada, Ottawa. The data are geographically coded to urban centres where appropriate and the balance to a 'non-urban' category. Data for Vancouver and Victoria are for the Census Metropolitan Areas.

Bankruptcy is an extreme form of business failure. Most unsuccessful businesses simply wind down and cease operations. While the level of these series may be of questionable value, the charted region vs. province comparison does provide some useful information.

Table 10: BC Benefits

The **basic BC Benefits** caseload is used to generate recipient data by age and family structure. The BC Benefit program replaced the Income Assistance program in 1996. We have chosen recipient groups that match the previously published Income Assistance data to achieve continuity.These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. INCLUDED are Youth Works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. EXCLUDED are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined in these reports as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include aboriginal people living on reserve. A dash '-' identifies data too small to release.

Appendix - Notes to Data Tables

Table 11: Unemployment

Measures of regional unemployment are only available historically for nine **economic regions** defined by SC. Starting with January, 1995, the **Labour Force Survey** (LFS) is compiled for the eight development regions defined by the provincial government. The LFS samples appropriately in these regions to derive local measures of unemployment. As a proxy for small area unemployment rates, *BC STATS*, using data from Human Resources Development Canada (HRD), estimates the ratio of Employment Insurance beneficiaries as a percent of the working age population in a region. (See also, Table 2)

Table 12: Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

The data described for tables 10 and 11 are combined to provide a more complete picture of regional reliance on the "safety net."

Beginning in June 1997, the combined BC Benefit+EI rate in this report has been adjusted to count only once those persons receiving both Employment Insurance and BC Benefits. Therefore use caution when comparing data to pre June 1997 data. This adjustment resulted in an overall decrease of 0.3 percentage points to the BC rate in June 1997.

Table 15: Demographic Characteristics

Population growth can be a measure of the economic well being of an area. *BC STATS* projects population for **local health areas** (approx. 80 in the province) and for **regional districts**. This data is available in considerable detail in print and electronic formats. See the description of regional data products elsewhere in this report.